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INTRODUCTION

THE late Dr. William Farrer, the scholarly chief editor of the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, told the writer that he regarded that work as a skeleton which local authors must clothe with flesh. And as the writer was interested in the history of Whittington, Dr. Farrer very kindly permitted him to go through a large number of transcripts from the Public Record Office to note anything which might bear on the history of that place.

In this work references to those transcripts are marked with the words "Farrer MSS."

On reading the account of Whittington given in the above-mentioned history, the writer was struck by the confusion which appeared regarding the manors of Thirnby, Lathebote and Garneygarth; therefore to try and bring order into that part of the history seemed essential. A study of the *Cockersand Chartulary*, of local field-names and of old deeds and wills was a preliminary necessity which resulted (as the detail given in the body of this work will show) in the lost manor of Thirnby being rediscovered and a proof being found that the manor of Lathebote was identical with that of Garneygarth.

The researches brought a large accumulation of evidence on many other subjects, both topographical and genealogical, which, it appeared to the writer,

should not be lost ; and which he has now endeavoured to put into a permanent form. How far he has succeeded in this attempt must be left to the judgment of the reader.

Finally, he would like to thank his many friends for the ready assistance they rendered to him by lending their deeds and field-maps for his use ; amongst these he would particularly like to name Major Joseph Gibson, D.S.O., of Barbon ; the late Mr. Theodore Harris ; the late Lord Henry Bentinck ; the late Brigadier-General B. N. North, C.B. ; Mr. Garnett Mackereth of Low Hall ; and finally, the Rev. John Hodgkin, Rector of Whittington, who supplied the writer with many beautiful photographs of door-heads, &c.

In addition, many transcripts of documents from the Public Record Office and copies of wills from Somerset House had to be obtained to work out the genealogy of the various families.

No work is ever perfect, and should errors be discovered in what is now put forth, the writer must ask for the indulgence of the reader as the matters dealt with are often obscure and difficult to disentangle ; particularly was this the case with the later history of Low Hall, as the persons owning it changed their names three times in as many generations.



A History of Whittington

CHAPTER I

BOUNDARIES—LEVELS—ROADS—EARLY INHABITANTS

THE parish of Whittington is made up of two townships, viz. Whittington and Newton-with-Docker, and has a total area of 4,416 statute acres. It is bounded on the east by the river Lune; on the north by the township of Kirkby Lonsdale; on the west by the townships of Hutton Roof and Dalton; and on the south by the township of Arkholme and that of Tunstall. About a quarter of the area is fairly level ground, lying parallel with the river Lune, from which it stretches westward, rising gently for a mile up to the church; afterwards the ground rises to heights of 497 and 562 feet above sea-level. On these heights are moorland and woods, which latter were formerly a park belonging to the manor of Westhall. There are however two isolated hills, viz. Great Sellet, which starts near the northern boundary, rising to a height of 379 feet at the northern end; it is a long and narrow hill, steep on its east and west sides, sloping gradually down as it runs southward and splaying out into the lower ground near to the church. This hill separates the main road and Hosticle Lane. The second detached hill is called Yarlside—a Norse name reminding us of the settlement of the northmen about the year A.D. 900—it lies just north of the Arkholme railway station and may be connected with the burial of a Norse jarl.

The main road is that coming from Arkholme, passing

through Newton and Whittington and proceeding to Kirkby Lonsdale ; at Newton it throws off a branch to the west, which leads to Docker ; at Whittington another branch, to the west, leads up a slight incline to the church, where an ancient and narrow lane, called Hosticle Lane, leads north past Sellet Hall to the Biggins, whilst the main branch continues past the High House and, after some winding, leads to Hutton Roof and Dalton. The main road then continues its northward course by Sellet Mill and Holmehouse into Kirkby Lonsdale ; here it crosses the road coming up from the two bridges over the Lune, which are the nearest bridges to Whittington except the railway bridge at Arkholme.

A branch line of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway coming from Wennington and running to Carnforth just touches the south-western part of Docker ; but the station is in Arkholme township.

Two fords cross the river Lune to serve this parish, viz. Burrow-Mill ford and Coneygarth ford ; the former leads to a narrow lane which joins the main road at Low Hall ; the second one leads to a similar lane, but joins the main road near the modern park gate. More will be said about these lanes when we come to consider the ancient roads of the parish.

The principal occupation of the inhabitants is grazing, as over 3,000 acres is permanent grass and only 362 acres is arable, whilst woods and plantations occupy 249 acres.

Of the early inhabitants of this district we know that, when Agricola came, making his great road from Ribchester over the Fells by Ivah and east of Burrow Hall, the natives were Celts of the Brigantes tribe, whom he subjugated.

The Romans remained until A.D. 445, when they withdrew, leaving little trace of their long occupation beyond their great roads and fortifications. Then came the Angles from Northumbria and occupied this country from about the year 607, when the Battle of Chester broke the Celtic power and gave the Angles the lordship of the land. The Celts appear to have

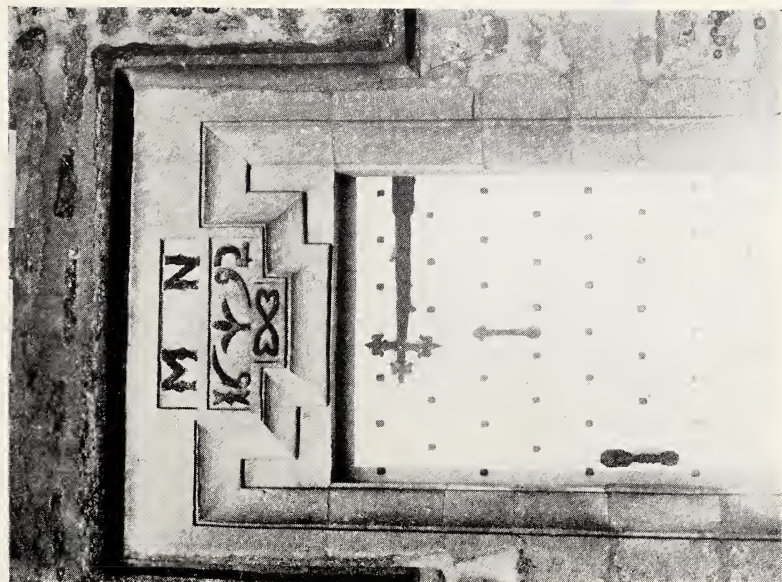


FIG. 1
LINTEL AT NEWTON YEAT OF 1692



FIG. 2
COAT OF ARMS OVER ENTRANCE TO
THE HIGH HOUSE

retired into Cumberland, though probably many remained on the lands they owned. The Anglian occupation is indicated by the names of the towns, viz. Whittington, Heversham, Gressingham, Halton, &c., and the fragments of an Anglian Cross which were dug up in Gressingham churchyard and are on view in the church there, a cross dated by the late Mr. W. G. Collingwood, F.S.A., as about the year A.D. 850.

These Angles were overcome by (or willingly received) the Norse invasion from the Isle of Man when Harold Fairhair, the King of Norway, raided the Norse pirates in that isle. These Norsemen appear to have sailed up the rivers of north Lancashire, Westmorland and Cumberland and settled where they liked.

They in turn left monuments of their presence in the language, the place and personal names and in their moot-hills, specimens of which are to be seen at Halton, Arkholme, Melling, and possibly at Whittington, with others farther up the Lune valley.

It has been said that they brought the famous breed of sheep known as Herdwicks or Fell sheep; but this does not appear to be true, as the lists of words used in counting these sheep (given in Garnett's *Agriculture in Westmorland*, p. 166) are stated by linguists to be directly derived from the ancient British language. From which it may be assumed that these Fell sheep are the indigenous sheep of the country, herded by the Celtic subjects of the dominant Norsemen.

Out of this mixture of races the present inhabitants have been evolved; for though the Norman, Duke William, invaded and conquered England in 1066 with his French subjects, few of his followers came so far north as to have had any racial influence on the population.

The principal buildings in Whittington are:

The church, which is in the centre of the township, on an ancient site, but "restored" in 1875; its history will be detailed later.

The largest residence is the one called Whittington Hall, built by Thomas Greene, Esq., who was Member of Parliament for the borough of Lancaster from 1824 to 1853. It was sold lately to Thomas Haworth, Esq., late of Flasby Hall, Gargrave, who is the present owner ; it has an extensive park and is on an old site.

Then there is Newton Hall, the residence of the late Brigadier-General B. N. North, C.B., M.V.O., &c. ; it is not on the site of the old Newton Hall, but is situated in the corner formed by the main road and the road to Docker. It is a rather rambling building, having been enlarged as occasion required. Slightly south of it but on the opposite side of the main road is a house said to have been built by Miles North in 1692, with a projecting porch having over the door the initials M. N. and the date 1692 ; there is some doubt as to the authenticity of this inscription, as the letters seem too sharp to have stood the rain and frost of two hundred and forty years (Fig. 1).

Not far from the church, in a westerly direction, is the High House. It is a strongly built house of late Tudor date ; over the entrance-door is a stone bearing, on a heater-shaped shield, the arms of the Baynes family, viz. a shinbone in pale surmounted by another in fess (Fig. 2). This appears to indicate a member of the Baynes family of Sellet Hall as the builder and there was a Reginald Baynes living in Whittington, with a family, between 1540 and 1557.

In the principal bedroom there is a fireplace with a squared stone lintel on which is carved in relief these initials and date :



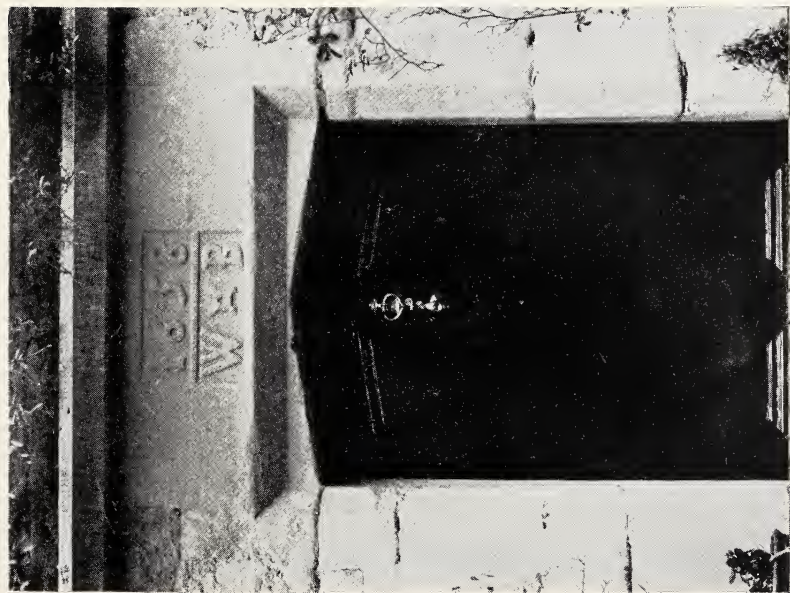


FIG. 3
LINTEL OVER THE MANOR HOUSE DOOR



FIG. 4
AN ANCIENT LINTEL IN WHITTINGTON
VILLAGE

As the Jackson family acquired this house at some period it is probable that these initials are those of the rector, the Rev. Richard Jackson, and his second wife, Jane Carter. This rector held his living under the Commonwealth and under King Charles II; a type of "The Vicar of Bray." His father, William Jackson, was a mercer in Kirkby Lonsdale and the family acquired great wealth, which ultimately fell into the hands of Richard North of Newton, who had married a Jennet Jackson.

Sellet Hall, lying west of the hill called Great Sellet, is an Elizabethan mansion which was originally the principal seat of a family of the name of Baynes; but has been a farmhouse for nearly two hundred years.

Low Hall, situated on the main road south of the village and at the junction of the lane coming up from Burrow-Mill ford, was the chief seat of the manor of Lathebote, otherwise Grange-garth; but is now a farmhouse owned by Mr. Garnett Mackereth.

Westhall, the ancient seat of the Huddleston family and the chief seat of a manor, will be described later. It is situated south of the present Whittington Hall and has also become a farmhouse.

Manor House on the north side of the road leading to the church was a house inhabited by the Bordrigge family. It appears to have got its present name when Mr. Bordrigge purchased the manor from Mr. Carus. The door-head is shown in Fig. 3.

Two ancient door-heads in the village are shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. That of 1673 is an original; but that of 1687 is a copy of the original.

In Docker are two ancient halls. One on the road, which was the ancient home of the principal family of North and another on Docker Moor, built by the Myers family and sold to Henry Brabyn—this latter hall, it is believed, was called Docker Hill,¹ but has been corrupted into Docker Hall, thus

¹ In the church register in 1658-9 it is Docker Hill.

causing confusion as to which hall is alluded to ; therefore to avoid such confusion it will, in this account, be called Docker (Hill) Hall.

Finally there is the Rectory on the east side of the churchyard, which is a large and commodious house, built by the Rev. George Hornby, M.A., in 1728, whilst rector of the parish. Over the doorway is the Hornby coat-of-arms, viz. a chevron between three hunting-horns ; and an inscription, "George Hornby, Clerk, A.M., Rector of Whittington, erected this House 1728." (See Fig. 6.)

In the third, thirteenth, fourteenth and twenty-third years of the reign of King Edward I, the Assizes of the County were held at Whittington by the Justices Itinerant.¹

In the eighteenth year of King Edward II [1324], Whittington supplied a *Doomsman* (Judex) to the Wapentake Court.² It is not clear what these doomsmen were, but it seems probable that they were men who could speak authoritatively as to the customs of the various localities.

¹ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc., vols. 47 and 49.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 41, p. 108.



FIG. 5
A REPRODUCTION OF AN ANCIENT LINTEL



FIG. 6
THE HORNBY COAT OF ARMS
OVER THE RECTORY DOOR

CHAPTER II

THE MANORS OF WHITTINGTON

LATHEBOTE—WESTHALL—NEWTON WITH DOCKER

THE earliest information which we have regarding the township of Whittington is that contained in the Domesday Survey, made in the year 1086, wherein it is stated that Whittington had belonged to Earl Tostig but was then in the King's hand. It was at that time the chief seat of a great lordship which included Whittington, Newton, Arkholme, Gressingham, Hutton Roof, Cantsfield, Ireby, Burrow, Leck, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Barnoldswick, Ingleton, Casterton, Barbon, Sedbergh and Thirnby, having a total area of 53 carucates of land assessed to the geld.

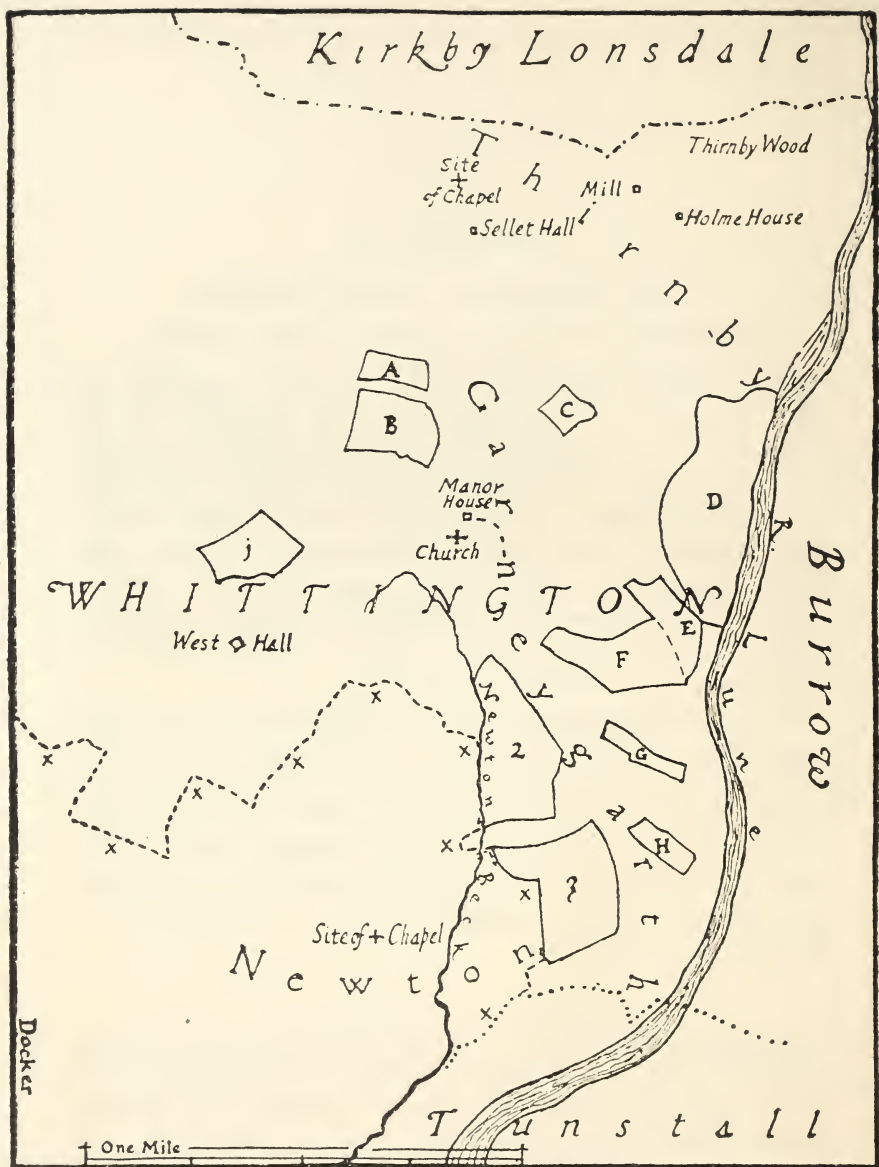
In the re-arrangements after the Conquest this large estate was broken up and the lordship of Whittington was reduced to include only Whittington (6 carucates), Newton (2 carucates), and Thirnby (2 carucates)—less than a fifth of its original size.

Of its history during the twelfth century there is little record; but owing to wars and disturbances its assessment was reduced from 10 carucates to 6, viz. Whittington 4, Newton 1 and Thirnby 1.

THE MANOR OF THIRNBY ¹

During this century the county of Westmorland was created, and in forming it the manor of Thirnby was split in two, a part being added to Kirkby Lonsdale township and the rest added to Whittington township.

¹ An account of these manors, by the present writer, was published by the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire; since then more information has been found which is now incorporated in this account.



THE WHITTINGTON MANORS.

The following fields are those named in the *Cockersand Chartulary* as lying in LATHBOTE :

- | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| A. Beautifier. | C. Gatelands. | E. Scalebank. | G. Borrons. |
| B. Great Beautifier. | D. Bramfields. | F. Guilda. | H. Butcher Fallows. |

The following are named in Thomas Brabin's composition in 1649 :

- | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Low Bleaze. | 2. Becksides. | 3. New Close and Cyersmoor. |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|

x x x x Show the boundary of the manor of Newton with Docker.

Sellet Mill and Holme House were in all probability the centre of the Thirnby hamlet, and to this day the spring from which the water comes that works Sellet Mill is called Thirnby Well, the fields north-north-east of the mill go by the name of Higher Thirnby, whilst Thirnby Wood is just south of fields called Great Thirnby, part of which lie in the Kirkby Lonsdale township. Another field on the east side of the road leading from Whittington to Kirkby Lonsdale, extending from a point marked 185 on the six-inch Ordnance map to beyond the boundary of the county, bears the names of Far Jagger Thirnby, Near Jagger Thirnby and Thirnby Parrock.

Holme House has within it a wall about 5 feet thick, which is probably the remains of an old peel-tower.

The dividing-line or boundary appears to be a late one as it consists of a series of straight lines running from the river Lune up to a point about 400 yards west of Biggins Park fence, cutting across ancient fields so as to leave parts of those fields in Westmorland and parts in Lancashire.

The possession of a manor would give rise to a family name, and a family of "de Thirnby" is known to have existed, as there is a charter at Levens Hall by one of them; but the family had been lost sight of and has only recently been discovered seated in the township of Lowther in the late twelfth and early thirteenth century, where it probably had received other lands to compensate it for the loss of the manor of Thirnby. This family ended in three co-heiresses, who married c. 1220-30 as follows: Isabel married Robert de Alneto [Dawney], Sarra married Henry de Haverington and Alice married Richard de Copeland, all bearing names associated with the holding of land in Whittington and Kirkby Lonsdale.¹ Further, in the inquest on the death of William de Lindsay in 1283,² we find "David de Haverington and Ralph de Patton hold Thirnby and render 66s. 8d. yearly; it is

¹ Cumberland and Westmorland A. & A. Soc. *Transactions*, N.S. xvi, 113.

² *Lancs. Inq. and Ext.* (Record Soc.), i, 256.

worth 10*l.*” Also “ Alan de Coupeland holds the fourth part of Kirkby Lonsdale and renders 12*d.* yearly ; it is worth 100*s.*” But before this, in Hilary term, 14 Henry III [1230], there had been a plea between John de Kirkby and Richard de Copeland as to how much land Richard de Copeland held in the vill of Kirkby Lonsdale.¹ The result of the trial is not on record, but is evident from the above-quoted inquest on William de Lindsay ; and it is submitted that this fourth part of the vill of Kirkby Lonsdale is the Westmorland part of the old manor of Thirnby.

In the year 1231 a Final Concord was made at York between John, parson of the church of Kirkby in Lonsdale, and Ralph [Richard] de Coupeland regarding an exchange of lands, amongst which was Bynfithe, the large field north of the road leading to Kirkby Lonsdale old bridge and abutting on the river Lune, now called Lunefield. The old name Bynfithe is only represented by Binfold Well near to the river ; but that Richard de Copeland owned the land nearest to the county boundary is shown by this exchange.²

There is also a deed by the Lady Elizabeth Curwen, dated 25 March 9 James I [1611], in which she sells, to John Hudson of Kirkby Lonsdale, schoolmaster, and to two other men, her lands called Thirnby lying within the manor of Kirkby Lonsdale and of Whittington.³ This deed is referred to in the mutilated will of the said John Hudson in 1615, now in the Richmond wills at Somerset House, wherein the lands called Thirnby are stated to be partly in Westmorland and partly in Lancashire.

A reference to Thirnby also exists in the Kirkby Lonsdale Court Leet Rolls on the 22nd April, 1667, viz. “ We find Mr. John Foxcroft dead since last Court and Jane Foxcroft his daughter next heir to his customary estate in Thirnby of the yearly rent of 4*d.*” In the same rolls, under date 28 February

¹ Farrer, *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.), 913*n.*

² British Museum, *Harleian MS.* 236.

³ Holmehouse Deeds belonging to the late Mr. Theo. Harris.

1669-70, is recorded a surrender by Richard Bayliffe of Biggins to his son Edward Bayliffe of various fields " and a close called Little Thirneby."

Finally, the fact that Sellet Mill is close to Holmehouse leads to the conclusion that it was originally Thirnby Mill, as a mill was one of the peculiar and distinctive appendages of a manor. Sellet was never a manor, so could not possess a mill, but when the mill came into the possession of the Baynes family of Sellet Hall it is quite conceivable that the name was changed.

The outer boundary of Thirnby is lost ; but from a careful consideration of the statements in the *Cockersand Chartulary* and the field-names of the Sellet Hall estate, the writer has come to the conclusion that the southern boundary passed south of Sellet Hall and over the top of Great Sellet down towards the river Lune by Calebank Barn, thus enclosing Holmehouse tenement.

The first estate definitely mentioned as being in Thirnby is that belonging to Richard de Cansfield in 1271-2¹; then in 1283 David de Haverington and Ralph de Patton hold Thirnby and render 66s. 8d. yearly (as before mentioned), and as the Harringtons were the heirs of the Cansfields this last holding probably contained the Cansfield property. In 1359 Sir John Harrington of Farleton died and his inquisition *post mortem* states that he was seised of a rent of 66s. 8d. from free tenants in Whittington and that he held under John de Harrington of Aldingham ; here the similarity of the rents points to Thirnby as the property in question. This estate descended to the Harringtons of Hornby Castle, and on their attainder would be part of the lands given by King Henry VII to Sir Edward Stanley, afterwards the first Lord Mouteagle, and appears to be his so-called "manor of Whittington," though he was not entitled to claim any manor there. It included Sellet, for which Mr. Baynes of Sellet Hall paid a rent of 15s. a year to Lord Mouteagle.²

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 243.

² *Ibid.*, viii, 247.

In 9 Charles I there was a suit, *Thomas Carus, esq. v. Rowland Bordrigg and others*, about tenements in Whittington in which, among others, Thomas Brabin of Whittington, gent., aged 69, deposed that his late father, Henry Brabin, had bought lands of Lord Morley (the heir of the Mouteagles) in Whittington and conveyed the same to Christopher Carus and to Anne Carus, wife of the complainant, their heirs, &c.¹ Thus the seigniorship over Sellet and part of Thirnbay passed to the Carus family and was added to their manor of Westhall, in which it became merged. (See later for Westhall Manor.)

THE MANOR OF LATHEBOTE OR GARNEYGARTH

To elucidate the history of Whittington the estate called Lathebote in the *Cockersand Chartulary* must be identified, and it is hoped that the following will be found to do so.

In the survey made by order of King John in 1212, known as the *Testa de Nevil*, Robert son of Gilmichael de Lathebote is shown as holding one carucate of land in Whittington.

We can identify this Lathebote by examining the gift of land to the abbey of Cockersand made by Paulin de Lathebote as shown in the chartulary of that abbey and also the gifts made by Robert, son of Gilmichael, to the same; then a comparison of the field-names mentioned in those charters with the field-names in the tithe-map will show roughly the situation of this tract of land.

The Whittington charters of Cockersand Abbey commence at page 940 of the chartulary (printed by the Chetham Society) and are eleven in number, each being numbered in succession, so that it will be most convenient to refer to them by these numbers. The charter of Paulin de Lathebote is No. 8, by which he gives 6½ acres all lying in Lathebote. By tabulating the names of the fields in which his gifts lay and corresponding tithe-map names we get the table of comparison shown on the opposite page.

¹ P.R.O. Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 9 Chas. I, No. 20.

Paulin de Lathebote's gift.

Modern Tithe Map Names.

| | |
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| 1 acre 1 rood in Scathagate ridding. | Gatelands, on south-east side of Sellet Bank. |
| 1 acre upon Gildhead moor. | Guilda, a large field due east of Low Hall rising from a level of 125 feet to a top of 175 feet high. |
| 1 do. under Scalebank ridding. | Scalebank, the next field north-west of Guilda also rising to a top of 175 feet ; it contains Johnson's Wood. |
| 1 do. in Twa-wendings and Bochards fallow. | Two lanes leading from Whittington to Burrow Mill ford and to Coneygarth ford. Botchy fallows is named in a deed of 1700, Botchafallows on an estate map of 1774 and Butchers fallows in the tithe map ; this field lies between the two lanes not far from the river. |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ do. under Gildhead. | Guilda, as above. |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ do. upon Burwains. | Borrans, the second field parallel with and south of Burrow Mill lane and the Holmes. |
| 1 do. upon Burtreberyh. | Beautifer, three fields west of Hosticle Lane and north of the Highhouse. (See later as to this name.) |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ do. between the brooks. | Unidentified. |

The evolution of the name Beautifer is worth a moment's consideration as it is well authenticated by the documents. We have seven examples of the name at different dates ; six from the *Cockersand Chartulary* and the other from the *Royalist Composition Papers* giving the following equation :

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1194-1207 Beuthreberg | } = Beautifer (from tithe map of 1845) |
| 1200-1230 Burtreberyh | |
| 1451 Burtrebreggh | |
| 1461 Burtrebergh | |
| 1501 Burtontrebrek | |
| 1537 Burtontrebrek | |
| 1649 Bowertribar | |

Further, in the charter (No. 2) of Robert [son of Gilmichael] *circa* 1194-1207, land is given as follows: Two acres in Godfrey's croft, half an acre under Gildhead, half an acre by Newton upon [the bank of] Lune and half an acre in Bramfeet. Here again we find Gildhead, now represented by Guilda; land near Newton, which is far from Thirnby and Sellet; and Bramfeet, now represented by Bramfield, the modern name of seven fields which lie between the river Lune and Sellet Mill Beck adjacent to Scalebank.

In No. 6 charter, also by Robert son of Gilmichael, Lune wath is mentioned and is probably the ford at the foot of Burrow Mill Lane, though it may be Coneygarth ford farther south and close to the boundary of Newton, at any rate a long way from Thirnby.

If this identification of field-names is accepted, we find that Lathebote extended from the boundary of Newton northwards along the river Lune up to the ancient Thirnby and formed a roughly triangular area extending up through the village of Whittington to Beautifer, which it included, leaving the manor of Westhall on its south-west and west sides.

This estate appears to have been held by a native family which had accepted the Norman king after the conquest and, at this period, was held of the king in thegnage by the service of 3s. 4d. per annum. This service of 3s. 4d. (sometimes given as 40d.) should be noted as it will help to identify Lathebote later on.

Robert son of Gilmichael died in 1207, leaving a son and heir William, under age, who is referred to in the survey of 1212 as holding one carucate of land in Whittington for which he renders 40d.¹ He had come of age by the year 1219 as in that year, on the 4th February, he, by Final Concord, quit-claimed to Gilbert fitz Reinfred, baron of Kendal, his holding of one carucate of land in Lathebote.²

¹ *Lancs. Inq. and Extents* (Record Soc.), i, 90.

² *Lancs. Feet of Fines* (Record Soc.), i, 42.

Now according to the *Testa de Nevil* the land in Whittington is said to have been held prior to 1212 by Adam de Yseni as to 5 carucates and by Robert son of Gilmichael as to one carucate, which makes the 6 carucates at which the township was rated ; and this record adds that Adam de Yseni had given his 5 carucates to Gilbert fitz Reinfred. Hence by 1219 the baron of Kendal had got the whole of the land of this township into his hand.

Gilbert fitz Reinfred now appears to have formed, or possibly re-formed, three manors out of this township, viz. one, which he probably gave to the de Copeland family, known as the manor of Westhall ; one he left in the native family of Richard son of Roger and now represented by Newton with Docker ; whilst the third, which comprised Lathebote, he kept in his own hand and added Thirnby to it, thus including Sellet in this manor.

To prove the above statement it is necessary to follow the fortunes of each of these families. Commencing therefore with the baron of Kendal we find that Gilbert fitz Reinfred died in 1219-20, leaving a son and heir William, who assumed his mother's name of de Lancaster ; but he died without issue and his estates were divided between his two sisters, viz. Helwise, who married Peter de Bruce, had as her share the lands which subsequently became known as the Marquis fee ; and Alice, who married William de Lindesey, received as her share the lands subsequently known as the Richmond fee, in which Whittington was included.

The Lindsey portion after three descents passed to Christiana de Lindesey as heir to her brother ; she was 16 years of age on the 25th of March 1283 and was married to Ingleram de Guines, Lord of Coucy in France, who received seisin of her lands in that year. In the year 1297 he is recorded as holding 12½ carucates of land by barony of the Earl of Lancaster.¹

In the extent of the lands of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster,

¹ *Lancs. Inq. and Ext.* (Record Soc.), i, 291.

made for the year Michaelmas 1323 to Michaelmas 1324 there is recorded: "rent of Ingram de Gynes for his tenements in Whittington, which Gilmighel formerly held, 3s. 4d." ¹ This again indicates the holding to be Lathebote.

Ingram died in 17 Edw. II [1324],² leaving two sons, (i) William de Gynes, known as de Coucy, aged 36 years, and (ii) Robert de Gynes, who had this manor of Whittington. The elder brother died in or before 1339, leaving two sons, (a) William de Gynes or de Coucy, and (b) Ingram de Gynes.

When the French war broke out in 1337, the above-named Robert de Gynes adhered to the French king; hence his lands, including his manor of Whittington (i.e. Lathebote), were forfeited to the Crown and were given into the custody of his nephew, William de Gynes, for life as he had retained his English allegiance. This William, whose holding was defined as the third part of the manor of Whittington, died in 1342 without issue and though his brother Ingram was found heir and of full age by inquisition *post mortem* in 17 Edw. III, yet, as he also had adhered to the French king, the lands once more reverted to the Crown and were granted to Mary de St. Pol, Countess of Pembroke, for life and after her term to Aymer Darcy for life.

During the term of Aymer Darcy, in 1346, an extent of the lands of the Duke of Lancaster was made, and we therein find that Aymer Darcy held "one carucate of land in Whittington by the service of half a fee and the sixth part of a knight's fee, rendering yearly 2s. 6d. at the term of Midsummer for ward of the castle." Also "Adomarus Darcy renders to the lord for the said carucate of land in Whitinton as above 3s. 4d. at the four terms and suit of county and wapentake and puture." ³ The rent of 3s. 4d. points to the Lathebote estate as being the carucate of land.

¹ *Lancs. Inq. and Ext.* (Record Soc.), ii, 170.

² *Ibid.*, ii, 164.

³ *Ibid.*, iii, 152.

On the determination of Aymer Darcy's interest, this manor of Whittington was granted to Sir John de Coupland and Joan his wife, for their lives, in part of the reward of £500 a year granted to Sir John for having taken David, King of Scotland, prisoner at the Battle of Neville's Cross. Sir John de Coupland died in or before the year 1363 and his wife Joan died in 1365.¹

In the meanwhile the before-mentioned Ingram de Gynes, who was found heir to his brother William in 17 Edw. III, had married Katherine daughter of Leopold, Duke of Austria, and by her had a son Ingram de Coucy, a most valiant knight, who won the favour of King Edward III and was married to his daughter Isabella. He had the family estates restored to him and received this third of the manor of Whittington on the death of Joan de Coupland in 1365.

This Ingram de Coucy left two daughters, co-heirs, viz. Mary married to Robert de Barr and Philippa married to Robert de Vere, who was created Duke of Ireland. Robert and Philippa received Whittington in their share of the lands; but both of them dying without issue this third of the manor of Whittington again reverted to the Crown.

It was then given to John, Duke of Bedford, who in turn died without issue and it once more fell to the Crown.

In 1453 it was given to Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond, and in 1487 to Margaret, Countess of Richmond, who married the Earl of Derby, and was known as the Countess of Richmond and Derby; she died in 1509 when the manor descended to her grandson, King Henry VIII, and was granted on lease to Sir Thomas Parr, in 1513, for a term of forty years. In 1547 it was granted to William Parr, Marquis of Northampton, about which time a rental was made showing the names of the tenants of this manor and their rents as follows:

¹ Surtees Soc., *Wills and Inv.*, i, 29.

*Rental temp. Henry VIII [no date]*¹

Rents of tenants in Whytngton

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|------------------|
| Reginald Abotherwyke [Bordrigg] | | 8 | 2 |
| Gilbert North | | 8 | 2 |
| Robert, John, William and Thomas Robynson | | 7 | 10 |
| Richard Newton, gent., [he occupied the capital messuage] | 4 | 17 | 3 |
| do. do. do. (King Wyfe house) | | 2 | 4 |
| Miles Baylye [his tenement was Holmehouse in Thirnby] | | 7 | 2 |
| Reginald Thornton | | 4 | 3 |
| Christopher Burroughe | | 8 | 2 |
| Reginald Banes (King Wyfe house). | | 2 | 4 |
| Agnes Johnson, widow, (do. do. do.) | | 2 | 6 |
| John Johnson (do. do. do.) | | 2 | 6 |
| Reginald Banes | | | |
| | | | 1 pair of gloves |
| Total 1 pair of gloves & | | | |
| | £7 | 10 | 8 |

Regarding this rental, it should be noted that Miles Bayley's tenement was Holmehouse in the ancient manor of Thirnby, as there is a deed, in the possession of Mr. Theodore Harris, by John Bayly of Holmehouse, dated 6 December 1589, which speaks of his tenement as being "of the inheritance of the Queen's Majesty now in fee-farming of Francis Tunstall, esquire"; and thus proves that part of Thirnby had been added to the manor of Lathebote.

In 1554 a grant of this manor was made to Henry, Earl of Cumberland, for a term of twenty-one years; but before this term expired, viz. in 1573, this ancient manor, under the name of Garneygarth or Grangegarth, was sold by Queen Elizabeth to Richard Robson and another (who were probably agents for Francis Tunstall) to be held "of the manor of East Greenwich in common socage and not by knight's service," rendering £6 11s. 10d. yearly. The grant may be seen in the Patent Rolls of the year (No. 1103).

Thus the local manorial character of this estate came to an

¹ P.R.O., *Rentals and Surveys*, Portfolio 19, No. 7, fo. 47.

end and this property became a set of nine tenements held in socage by Francis Tunstall of Thurland Castle. These tenements are specified in the grant of Queen Elizabeth and are practically identical with those in the rental of Henry VIII given above, viz. :

| | | | | | |
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| Garney Garth <i>alias</i> Grange Garth, sometimes called a manor or Capital Message in Whittington with lands, &c., formerly in the occupation of Thomas Newton, gentleman, of the yearly value | | } | £3 | 19 | 9 |
| | | | | | |
| The tenement of Reginald Thornton—rent | | | | 4 | 3 |
| do. of Myles Baylis—rent | | | | 7 | 2 |
| do. of Robert Robinson, the relict of Thomas Robinson and the relict of John Robinson —rent | | | | 7 | 10 |
| do. of the relict of Reginald Brodrigge—rent | | | | 8 | 2 |
| do. of Gilbert North—rent | | | | 8 | 2 |
| do. of Christopher Buroghe—rent | | | | 8 | 2 |
| do. of John Johnson and Joan Johnson, widow— rent | | | | 5 | 0 |
| do. of Reginald Banes—rent | | | | 2 | 4 |
| Total | | | £6 | 10 | 10 |

If this rental be compared with the previous one it will be seen that the property dealt with is the same, though there is a slight variation in the rent of the capital message and it becomes apparent that Lathebote and Garneygarth are one and the same manor.

By 1579 the tenants of Garneygarth appear to have got out of hand and had enclosed parts of the waste to the extent of 300 acres ; hence Francis Tunstall brought a suit in the Duchy Chancery against William Adcocke, William Ewan, Edmund Burrow, Marmaduke Robynson, Christopher Ustenson, John Johnson, Thomas Robynson, Rowland Johnson and James Mellinge, defendants.¹

Depositions on behalf of the defendants were taken at Whittington on 28 March 22 Eliz. [1580] and also on behalf

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Decrees and Orders*, vol. 17, p. 59.

of Francis Tunstall. The land enclosed is stated by Gilbert North (a tenant aged 64) to be only 180 acres ; he names as freeholders " Sir William Thornborough, Knt., Mr. George Middleton of Leighton, Robert Bindlesse, esquires, Thomas Newton, John Baynes, Edward North and [Edmond] Myres," who had answered as such in the Court [Leet] of Lord Cumberland.

Richard Johnson of Whittington, aged 66, says he is a tenant to Lord Mounteagle and knows one close called Garneygarth adjoining upon Whittington and knows the ground enclosed from the wastes of Whittington which was parcel of the common ; has heard it was enclosed eighty years ago and knows it to have been enclosed fifty years.

James North, tenant to the parson, aged 58, says Garneygarth is a toftstead and the headplace of the Queen's lands in Whittington, which Mr. Tunstall bought, for he was tenant in possession when he bought it.

In consequence a commission was issued, on 23 November 23 Eliz. [1580], to Sir Richard Sherburne and others, to go to the manor of Whittington *alias* Garneygarth and summon Francis Tunstall, esquire, and William Adcock and other tenants and apportion rents for divers encroachments on the waste.¹

The return was: The tenants (by one Richard Johnson) said they could not agree on any rents. The Commissioners therefore fixed rents. [No schedule is given.]

In 1584, Francis Tunstall was engaged in disputes with Lord Morley and Elizabeth his wife, and he stated that there was no " manor of Whittington " known by that time absolutely, though that name was commonly applied to his manor of Garneygarth.

In 1585 a Fine was levied in the Palatinate Court of the Duchy of Lancaster by which Francis Tunstall and Anne his wife and Thomas Newton and Margaret his wife (the occupy-

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Special Commissions*, 307, Whittington.

ing tenants) sold the capital messuage and tenement of Garneygarth (calling it a manor) to Henry Brabin.¹

This Henry Brabin was a notary public, and when deposing in the suit *Huddleston v. Tunstall* in 1577, stated that he lived at The Hurst. This place, The Hurst, was near Docker, and though the house has disappeared, some fields there still bear the name. (See Brabin pedigree, p. 124.)

Henry Brabin was employed as one of the commissioners of Lord Mounteagle in the management of the Hornby Castle estates; he was also registrar for the five western deaneries of the archdeaconry of Richmond, for which office he had purchased a patent in 1577 for twenty-one years, which descended to his grandson William Brabin of Docker.²

The above-named Henry Brabin, in his will dated 12 April 1613, proved 14 March 1616-17, describes himself as of Whittington Hall, which was probably Low Hall, and he also calls this property a manor. He bequeaths it to his eldest son Thomas for life, with remainder to his grandson Henry. The registrar's patent he left to his second son William, and also the Docker property.

The Garneygarth tenement remained in the hands of the senior line of the Brabin family and descended to Henry's great-grandson Thomas Brabin, who compounded for it on 31 May 1649, when his lands are described as lands called "Bowertribar, Garney garth, New Close" and other parcels of land lying in Whittington, also "Neither Blaze, Beanelands and Beckside, Cyresmyre and a parcel of ground called Garney lands," all lying in Whittington, on which a crown rent of £4 was payable.³ Now Beckside, New Close and Cyersmoor are shown on the tithe map as lying between Coneygarth Lane and the boundary of Newton, thus strengthening the proof that these lands are part of the Lathebote estate.

¹ Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 27 Eliz., Bdle. 47, m. 148 [Farrer MSS.].

² *Westmorland Note Book*, i, 292.

³ P.R.O., *Committee for Compounding*, G. 218, pp. 183, 187.

From 1638 down to 1650 there are several fines, showing that these Brabins were parting, slowly, with their lands. On 14 January 1650-1, Thomas Brabin, who had compounded with the Commonwealth, was buried at Whittington, leaving a son and heir, also a Thomas Brabin, aged one year; and as he would not be of age until 1670, this frittering away of the estate was retarded, but by 1691 it recommenced with a fine dated 27 March 3 William and Mary [1691], between Sir Thomas Fowle, knight, plaintiff, and Thomas Brabyn, gent., deforciant, of a messuage, a garden, 5*a.* land, 25*a.* meadow, 50*a.* pasture and common of pasture for all cattle in Whittington. Deforciant remitted all right to plaintiff, who gave £160.¹

By 1698 the Brabin family had parted with Whittington Hall (i.e. the house now known as Low Hall) and its lands, as by the will of John Rawlinson, of Grays Inn, dated 3 June 1698,² he bequeaths this Hall and lands to "some son of my nephew William Rawlinson who should conform to and profess the doctrine of the Church of England, within seven years" from the testator's death. These Rawlinsons were Quakers, but Thomas Rawlinson, the eldest son, conformed and became the owner of Whittington Hall and the lands which all descended to his heiress Mary, who married John Sunderland of Little Croft, Ulverston. It was probably the Rawlinsons who abandoned Low Hall and built a new Hall on the site of the present Hall as there is a shield of the arms of Rawlinson. It was formerly over the stables but has been removed into the Hall for better preservation.

From the Sunderlands it passed to James France of Everton, co. Lancs., who by his will, dated 11 July, 1791, left it to his wife Ellen, for her life with remainder to Thomas France (formerly Hayhurst) of Bostock House, Cheshire, esq. From the France family it passed to Richard Atkinson of Kirkby Lonsdale, a wealthy West India merchant, who soon

¹ P.R.O. Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 17, 226.

² Somerset House, P.C.C. (Noel, 87).



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sold it to Thomas Greene, M.P. for Lancaster (1824-57).

Mr. Greene pulled down the old hall and built the existing spacious hall, making also a park to surround it ; the property remained in the hands of his descendants until 1924, when it was sold to Mr. Thomas Howarth of Flasby Hall, Gargrave.

HOLME HOUSE TENEMENT

Another tenement of the Lathebote or Garneygarth manor was Holmehouse, of 7s. 2d. ancient rent, held by Myles Bailey (or Bayliff) in the time of Henry VIII (see rental above and also in that of Queen Elizabeth in 1573). It had as its capital messuage the house now known as Holmehouse, which probably was the capital messuage of the ancient manor of Thirnby. As some corroboration of that statement it may be noted that there is an interior wall, over 5 feet thick, in the present house which was most likely part of the ancient peel-tower.

Myles Bayley was succeeded by a John Bayley, presumably his son, who, in 1589, sold 4 acres of land and the waste between it and the river Lune, situated at the north end of Whittington Holme, to John Layfield of Kirkby Lonsdale, yeoman, for £15 ; this sale was " allowed " by Francis Tunstall of Thurland, which is an indication that this tenement was part of the Garneygarth estate sold by Queen Elizabeth to Francis Tunstall.¹

In 1611, Dame Elizabeth Curwen, who was the lady of the manor of Kirkby Lonsdale as heiress of Thomas Carus of The Biggins, sold the enclosed lands called Thirnby to John Hudson of Kirkby Lonsdale, schoolmaster, William Harrison of Whittington, yeoman, and Edward Bainbrigg of Kirkby Lonsdale, yeoman. These lands are described in the deed as being in the manor of Kirkby Lonsdale and as lying partly in Kirkby Lonsdale and partly in Whittington ; but no field-names or areas are given, yet the number of acres must have been large as the price was £200. Some of these fields became part of the Holmehouse estate at a later period.¹

¹ Mr. T. Harris's Holmehouse Deeds.

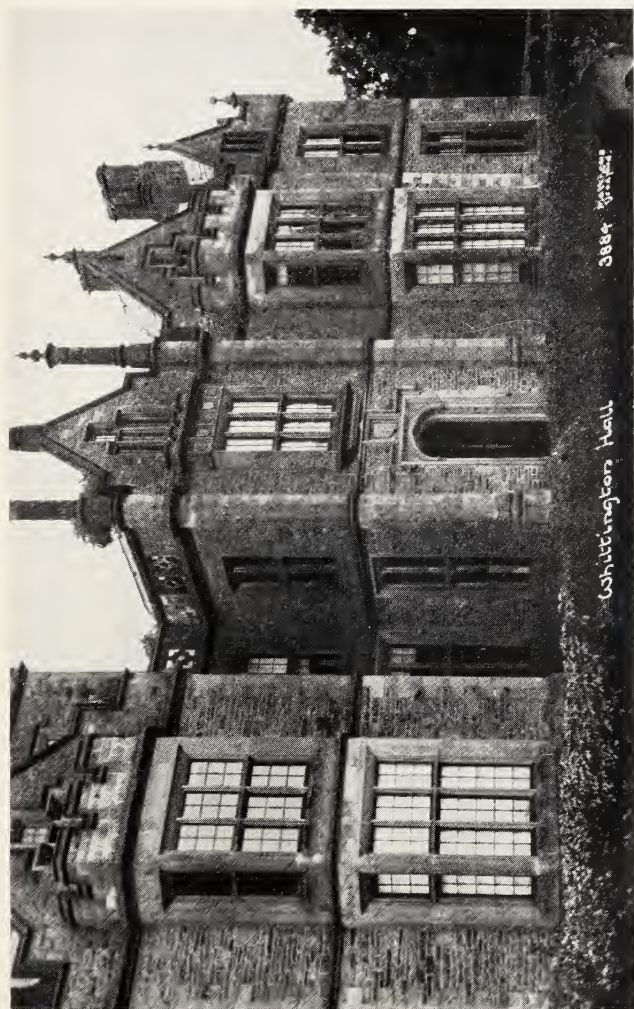
The Bayley family appear to have sold their tenement to various purchasers, as in 1616 William Harrison of Whittington, clothier, bought $10\frac{1}{2}$ acres of copyhold lands, part of the Holmehouse tenement, of 4s. 2d. ancient rent, which lands the vendor, Edward More, stated that he had bought from Arthur Foxcroft. As Arthur Foxcroft died in 1596 we may assume that he had purchased from the Bayleys.

From a deed dated 30 January 1621-2, by which William Harrison of Whittington, chapman, sells (with the consent of Thomas Carus, esq., chief lord of the manor of Whittington) various lands to Christopher Harling of Kirkby Lonsdale, mercer, we learn that this William Harrison had bought 5 acres from John Layfield (named above), 8 acres from Edward More (named above), 5 acres from John Ewan, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres from Rowland Burrow and John Beethom, and had inherited $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres from his father John Harrison; also some lesser quantities making up a total ancient rent of 16s., which he then sold. This Christopher Harling is afterwards named as owning the Holmehouse.

By a deed dated 18 January 1637-8, Edward Baynbrigg (named above) sold 5 acres of enclosed lands in Thirnby to Marmaduke Jagger, which were part of the lands sold by Lady Curwen in 1611 as there is a warranty against the heirs of William Harrison, late of Whittington, deceased (he died in 1634).

Christopher Harling was succeeded in the ownership of Holmehouse by his only son and heir, Daniel Harling, who was admitted to the copyhold lands on 4 April 1654 by Thomas Carus, the younger, lord of the manor of Whittington. The lands had been reduced from the 16s. ancient rent (probably by sales) to a rent of half that amount, viz. 8s., and the fine paid on admittance was the enormous one of £85, or $212\frac{1}{2}$ times the rent.

On the next day (5 April), Daniel Harling of Kirkby Lonsdale, yeoman, sold this tenement to John Foxcroft of Kirkby



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Lonsdale, gentleman, for £350. John Foxcroft added the Layfield Holmes to his possessions on 10 April 1654 by purchasing the freehold from Thomas Carus, and on 10 January 1654-5 was admitted tenant to the customary tenements according to the customs of the manor "lately agreed upon between the said Mr. Carus and others on the one part and the tenants of the manor of Whittington on the other part"; rent 8s., fine £6 8s. This fine and the above one for the same tenement may be compared, when it will be seen that the tenants had just cause to complain regarding the fines exacted before 1655.

John Foxcroft was a lawyer and had married Jane, the sister of Simon Battersby of The Biggins, Kirkby Lonsdale, by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Anne. He made his will on 13 January 1666-7, proved 31 January 1666-7 by his relict, by which he left the Holmehouse and lands to his daughter Jane charged with £300 for his daughter Anne when she became 21 years of age; other properties he left to his nephews George and Richard Foxcroft, sons of his brother Edward Foxcroft.

Jane Foxcroft, the heiress of Holmehouse, appears to have married Roger Wilson of Casterton Hall, who was half-brother to Edward Wilson of Dalham Tower, and thus brought this property into the Wilson family. Roger Wilson died in 1690, his burial being recorded in Kirkby Lonsdale church register as on 23 February 1689-90, after which event his widow managed her own property, and as she was baptized at Whittington on 30 September 1662 she would only be 37 years old. By means of mortgages she acquired several fields which were added to the property, and in 1713 she purchased the freehold of her customary lands from Thomas Carus of Halton Hall. She appears to have died about this time, as in 1714 her son Edward Wilson of Casterton Hall is found dealing with the lands to which he added between 1714 and 1719; in the latter year he purchased, on 29 January 1718-19, from William Dawson,

the younger, of Halton Gill, co. York, a customary messuage and tenement of 22 acres and of annual ancient rent of 10s., 2 hens and one chicken and other fines and dues, late conveyed by Thomas Bouch, clerk, late rector of Whittington, to the said William Dawson. On 13 June 1719, Mr. Wilson was admitted to this tenement by the manor court.

Edward Wilson of Casterton Hall was buried at Kirkby Lonsdale on 6 October 1726, *s.p.*, and was succeeded by his brother, Roger Wilson of Casterton Hall, who was admitted to the customary lands by the manor court on 12 December 1726.

This Roger Wilson had an only son and heir, also a Roger Wilson, and on 16 August 1748 they suffered a common recovery and settled the estate of Holmehouse on the son Roger Wilson absolutely.

Roger Wilson, the father, was buried at Kirkby Lonsdale 7 August 1755; the son paid his descent fine on 21 October 1756, and on the death of the lord of the manor (William Bordrigg) he was again admitted on 18 December 1766. He was a barrister of Gray's Inn and Recorder of Kendal 1757-66. He died unmarried at Gray's Inn in 1769.

This last-named Roger Wilson of Casterton Hall had only two surviving sisters, co-heirs, Elizabeth and Ann. Elizabeth Wilson was married at Kirkby Lonsdale church on 3 January 1763 to William Carus of Arkholme; Ann Wilson was married at the same church on 11 November 1771 to the Rev. Marwood Place, vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, but as she died without issue the whole inheritance devolved on her sister's child, William Wilson Carus, who was born in 1765. Elizabeth Carus was living in 1771 as a widow when she let the Holmehouse to a tenant and it was not until 1794 that her son, who had taken the additional name of Wilson, is found letting this property to a tenant. This Mr. William Wilson Carus-Wilson was Member of Parliament for Cockermouth and died on 11 February 1851, aged 86 (M.I. Casterton).

The Holmehouse estate remained in the Carus-Wilson family until it was sold by his grandson to Mr. Alfred Harris, who built the modern residence called Lunefield in Kirkby Lonsdale (after pulling down the old Lunefield house built by Roger Carus in 1815-16). On Mr. Harris's death the Holmehouse estate was sold to the trustees of the Underley Hall estate, of which it now (1935) forms a part.

The above account is mainly taken from the Holmehouse deeds kindly lent to me by the late Mr. Theodore Harris of Arnside, executor to his father, Mr. Alfred Harris, late of Lunefield.

Attached is a pedigree showing the descent of the Wilson family.

The remaining seven tenements of the manor of Lathebote or Garneygarth appear to have been sold by Francis Tunstall to the Carus family of Halton and West Hall, who added them to their manor of Westhall and probably bought the seigniority from Charles I about the year 1621, as that impecunious monarch would have been willing to raise money in any way he could. This much, however, is certain, that in the year 1621 and in 1654 the Carus family were acting as lords of the whole manor of Whittington, and in the latter year they settled the customs of the manor (see under West Hall) and these seven tenements besides Holmehouse were included in the list of tenements, and from that period onwards the lords of Westhall admitted tenants and received the fines and services from those tenements.

MANOR OF WESTHALL

Another third of the manor of Whittington, which subsequently became known as the manor of Westhall, was held by the Copeland family of Bolton in Copeland in south Cumberland. At what date they first acquired it does not appear; but Richard de Copeland, who married Alice, daughter and co-heir of John de Thrimby or de Thirnbby, is probably the

WILSON OF CASTERTON, &c.

THOMAS WILSON of Staveley Hall in Kendal ; died 1624. =

THOMAS WILSON of Kendal and Heversham Hall ; called = DOROTHY, dau. of
 " my loving cosen " in the will of Henry Wilson of HENRY FISHER of
 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale, in 1638 ; died 1656, aged Bradley-field.
 64 ; owned Casterton Hall.

EDWARD WILSON of Hever-
 sham Hall, Esq. ; built
 Dalham Tower ; died in
 July 1707, aged 89 ;
 owner also of Casterton
 Hall.

(1) JANE, dau. of
 Gawen Brai-
 thwaite of Am-
 bleside, Esq. ;
 died 15 June
 1656, aged 36 ;
 bur. at Tun-
 stall (M.I.).

(2) DOROTHY, dau. of
 RICHARD KIRKBY of
 KIRKBY HALL in
 FURNESS ; mar.
 settlement 25 June
 1658 ; West, in
Antiq. of Furness,
 calls her father
 Roger Kirkby.

WILLIAM W., parson of
 Windermere (Flem-
 ing MSS., p. 394) =
 . . . eldest dau. of
 Mr. Samuel Sandys
 of Windermere, died
 30 Aug. 1684 (*ibid.*,
 p. 402).

JAMES W. HENRY W.
 Named in Will of Henry
 Wilson of Underley, 1638.

EDWARD WILSON, J.P., co. West-
 morland, 21 Aug. 1684 ; lived
 at Park House, par. Tunstall,
 during his father's life ; after-
 wards of Dalham Tower ; died
 5 Feb. 1719-20, aged 69.

KATHERINE,
 dau. of Sir
 DANIEL FLEMING
 of RYDAL, Bart. ;
 mar. 15 Aug.
 1677 ; bur. at
 Tunstall, 23 March
 1701-2.

ELIZABETH W., mar. =
 bond at Chester,
 2 May 1672 ; bur.
 Tunstall, 6 March
 1681-2, aged 31
 (M.I.).

PHILIP, son and heir
 of EDMUND SWET-
 TENHAM of Somer-
 ford Booths, co.
 Chester, Esq.

An Infant, bur. at
 Tunstall, 17 June
 1656.

EDWARD WILSON,
 born and died
 26 May 1678.
 (Fleming MSS.,
 p. 392.)

EDWARD WILSON,
 bap. Tunstall,
 13 April 1679 ;
 bur. there,
 23 April 1696.

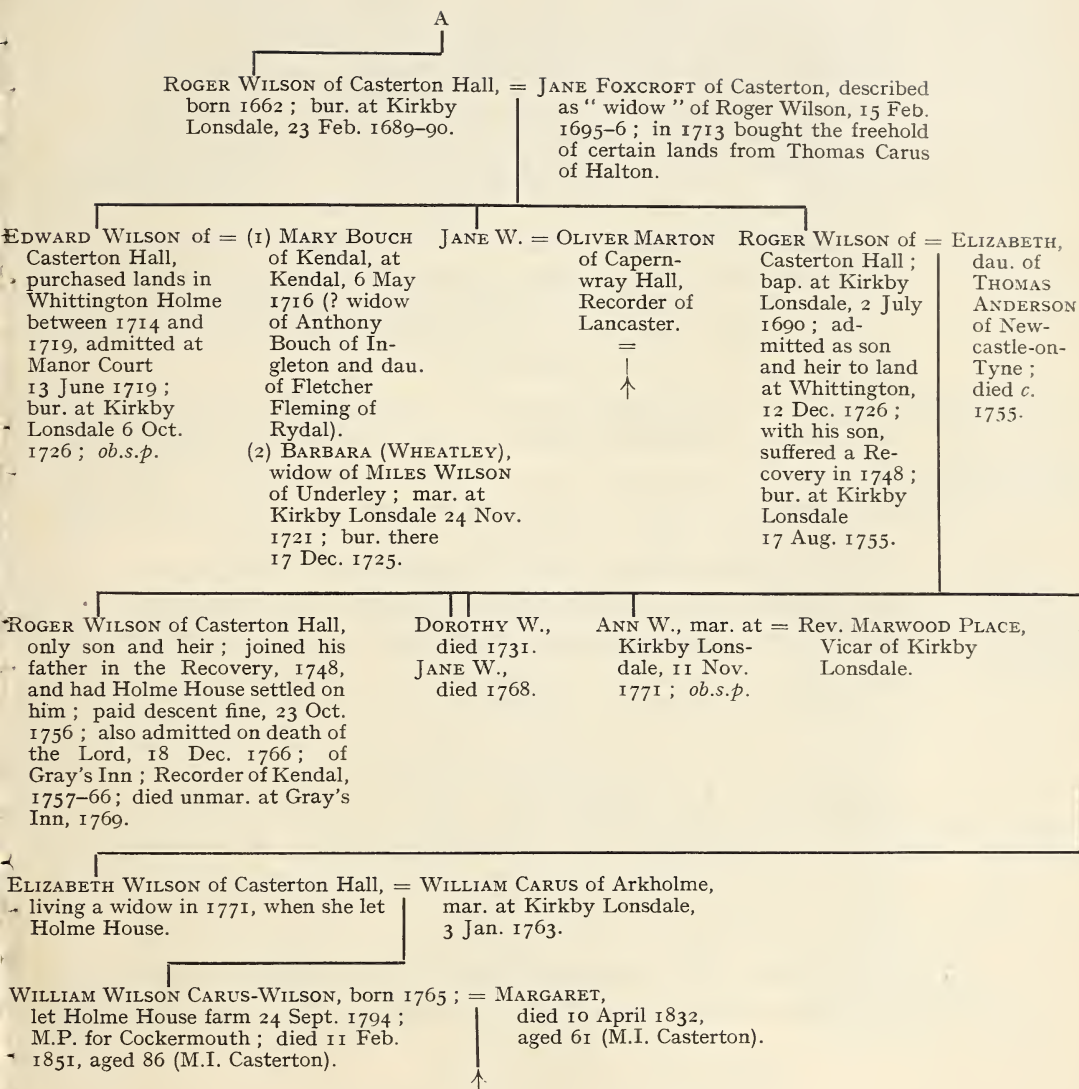
DANIEL WILSON,
 bap. at Tun-
 stall 19 March
 1679-80 ; later
 of Dalham
 Tower =

WILSON of
 DALHAM TOWER.

JANE W.,
 bap. at Tun-
 stall, 3 Sept.
 1681.

THOMAS W.,
 bap. at Tun-
 stall 8 Nov.
 1688 ; bur.
 there, 28 Janu-
 ary 1688-9.

CATHERINE W.,
 bap. at Tunstall,
 17 Nov. 1692 ;
 bur. there,
 16 April 1721.



first to have owned it. He was a follower of Gilbert fitz Reinfred in the barons' war against King John and, at the submission of the barons, one of his daughters was given as a hostage for the good behaviour of fitz Reinfred.¹ His eldest son and heir, Alan de Copeland, held Bolton in Copeland and a quarter of the manor of Kirkby Lonsdale, as appears from the inquisition *post mortem* on William de Lindesey in 1282, also land in Whittington which was to be charged with dower for his daughter-in-law (Alice daughter of John de Kirkby), to which she refers in her charter *circa* 1250.² In 1276 he also concorded with Adam son of Richard de Berewyk as to a toft and 60 acres of land in Whittington.³

He was succeeded by his son Richard de Copeland, who had married the above-named Alice de Kirkby (? of Kirkby Ireleth) on whom he had settled 100s. of rent in Whittington. This Richard died in 1298 (see *Register of St. Bees*, 431 note) leaving a son and heir, Alan de Copeland, nearly of full age.

In the year 1300 this Alan de Copeland gave his manor of Whittington and two-thirds of the advowson of the church to Sir John Huddleston of Millum,⁴ in whose family it remained for nearly 300 years as a possession of a junior branch.

Sir John de Huddleston of Millum and his brother Sir Adam had both served in the Scotch war under Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, and had distinguished themselves at the siege of Caerlaverock and elsewhere. In 1301 Sir John obtained a grant of free-warren in his Whittington manor. This manor he settled on his brother Sir Adam for life, with remainder to his own younger sons, Richard, Robert and Adam.⁴ Sir Adam died in 1322 without issue and Richard was found his heir. In the meanwhile, Robert had died and the brother Richard had become heir to his father as his elder brother John had

¹ Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, p. 258.

² Hist. MSS. Com., 12th Report, App. vii, 5.

³ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc., *Assize Rolls*, i, 131.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Feet of Fines*, i, 197 n.

DE COPELAND

ULF, who held the manor of =
Bolton in Gosford (*St. Bees Register*).

KETEL DE COUPLAND, =
held half the manor
of Bolton (*St. Bees
Reg.*).

EDWARD, son of Ulf, =
held half the manor
of Bolton (*St. Bees
Reg.*).

ROBERT, son of Ulf
(*St. Bees Reg.*).

ALAN, son of Ketel de Coupland, = GODITH, dau. of Michael de Furness. Received 3 car. of land in Adgareslith on marriage (Farrer, *Pipe Rolls*).
1209-10 (*Pipe Roll*)—held Hensingham, Bolton and Santon in Irton (*St. Bees Reg.*).

HUGH =

RICHARD DE COPELAND, = ALICE, dau. and
obtains the manor of co-heir to John
Westhall in Whitting- de Thirneby.
ton, also a chantry at
Bolton c. 1203-35. Con-
cords with John, parson
of Kirkby Lonsdale,
in 1231.

RALPH DE COPELAND,
priest of the chantry
in the chapel of Bolton.

WILLIAM DE WABERTHWAITE =
(*St. Bees Register*, No. 276)

Adam de Waberthwaite
(*St. Bees Reg.*, No. 278
and 279)

SIR ALAN DE COPELAND, held =
Bolton, Westhall, and a
fourth of the Manor of
Kirkby Lonsdale, for which
he rendered 12d. yearly.
Gave Bolton manor to Fur-
ness Abbey. In 1288 he
concorded with the abbot
of Russyn. (*Furness
Coucher*).

JOHN, son of Richard =
de Copeland, gave
Charter No. 206 of
Wetheral Priory.

AGNES . . .
who married
secondly Rich-
ard de Staun-
ford.

PETER DE COPELAND
received 6 oxgangs
of land in Allithwaite which he gave
to the monks of
Cartmel in 1245.

A daughter
who was a
hostage for
Gilbert fitz
Reinfred.

RICHARD DE COPELAND, = ALICE, dau. to John
held Westhall and one- de Kirkby of
fourth of Kirkby Lons- [*? Kirkby Ireleth*];
dale manors. Died in mar. c. 1250.
1298.

PHILIPPA = WILLIAM, son of
John le Gentil
(*Antiq. of Ken-
dale*).

JOHN DE COPELAND, = CECILIA
died c. 1291. DE SLEGIL

ALAN DE COPELAND, = MARGARET, sister of John de Kirkby,
who gave his manor clerk, Baron of the Exchequer (*Furness
Coucher*) who acquired the manor of
Bolton and settled it on Alan and Mar-
garet and their heirs by Fine at York in
1300. 1304.

JOHN DE COPELAND,
in ward to Richard
de Staunford in 1291.
(*Cumb. & Westmld. Trans.*,
n.s. xvi, 168).

also died without issue, therefore this manor appears to have been made over to the younger brother, Adam de Huddleston, from whom it descended unto Myles Huddleston, who died in 1577, leaving an only surviving daughter Anne, who married Thomas, son of Christopher Carus of Halton Hall, and so carried this manor into the family of Carus of Halton.

The history of this manor of Westhall is almost a blank and the actual relationships of the various Huddlestons who owned it is obscure ; but the following account is compiled from existing records and is offered for want of a better one.

The above-named Adam de Huddleston, who succeeded to Westhall in 1322, died about the year 1327 as his widow Katherine claimed dower in 3 messuages, 3 ploughlands of land, &c., in Whittington during the next year, against John son of Adam de Huddleston.¹

This John son of Adam succeeded in 1327 and was probably the John de Huddleston who was killed at Cantsfield in 1336.¹ Whether he left a son is unknown ; but if he did, as is most likely, a minority would ensue and the John de Huddleston who held the manor in 1346 and 1378 might be such son ;¹ he presented a clerk to the church in 1380. This John was a plaintiff in a plea at Lancaster on 29 August 1401 *re* a debt of 40 marks.²

To this last John succeeded Richard de Huddleston, whose inquisition *post mortem*, taken on 24 March 1416, shows that he held the manor of Westhall and the advowson of the church of Whittington, holding, by knight's service and the rent of a rose, from the Huddlestons of Millum, who held from the Duchy of Lancaster. His son and heir was Ralph de Huddleston, aged 26 years and upwards in 1416.³

Ralph de Huddleston went on service to France, in 1428, in the retinue of the Earl of Salisbury and died ten years later

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 245, n. 54.

² *Chetham Soc.*, vol. N.S. 87, p. 7.

³ *Lancs. Inq.* (*Chetham Soc.*), i, 120.

in 1438, when an inquisition *post mortem* found that he held the manor of Westhall, &c., by knight's service and the rent of a rose. Katherine his widow was in possession of the manor in 1448; so that his heir was probably a minor.¹ A sister of this Ralph named Agnes had married William Green of Gressingham.

The unnamed heir was probably that Miles Huddleston of Whittington who was an outlaw in 1459.² The Yorkists had won the battle of Bloreheath in that year and it is quite possible that these Huddlestons, like their friends the Tunstalls, were of the Lancastrian faction.

In 20 Henry VII [1504-5] a certain William Huddleston of Westhall was seised of the manor of Westhall in his demesne as of fee—probably a son of the above-named Miles. He was living in 1513, being mentioned as the father of Richard Huddleston in the will of Brian Tunstall of Thurland who was killed at the battle of Flodden.

This Richard Huddleston succeeded to the manor and is called "my brother" in the will of Brian Tunstall. In 1553 he made a settlement, by fine,³ of his manor of Whittington or Westhall with remainders to Miles Huddleston [his grandson], failing him to his second son William Huddleston [uncle to Miles], and failing him to Lord Mouteagle. It was probably this settlement which gave rise to the entry in the Palatinate of Lancaster Plea Rolls in Lent, 7 Edward VI [1553], wherein Richard Redman, gent., and Thomas Croft, gent., gave the king 40s. for licence to concord with Richard Huddilston, esq., for the manor of Whittington *alias* Westhale and of 30 messuages, 30 tofts, 20 gardens, 300 acres of land, &c., and the advowson of the parish church of Whyttington with appurtenances in Whyttington, Docker and Newton. Redman and Croft would be the trustees of the settlement. This Richard Huddleston caused considerable trouble to his descendants, of

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 245, n. 57.

² *Ibid.*, n. 58.

³ *Final Concord Lancs.* (Record Soc.), iv, 105.

which an account will be given later (see p. 72). He died in 1553.

Richard Huddleston's eldest son was Brian Huddleston, who was married twice: by his first wife Anne (buried at Whittington 3 May 1549) he had two sons, viz. Marmaduke, baptized 13 November 1544, who appears to have died an infant, and Miles Huddleston, the grandson of Richard and the first heir of the settlement. Brian's second wife Margery was buried at Whittington on 24 August 1551 and Brian followed her to the grave on 31 October of the same year.

Miles Huddleston was two years old when his grandfather died in 1533¹ and his wardship was bought by Sir Thomas Stanley, Lord Mounteagle, who in his will, dated 28 July 1558, bequeaths to his wife Dame Ellen "the wardship and marriage of Miles Huddleston, son of Brian Huddleston late of Whittington" and "the tenant-right of one close and parcel of ground lying in Whittington in the co. of Lancaster aforesaid, commonly called the Bleasse."² Twelve years later dame Ellen found a wife for Miles, as on 12 January 1570-1 he was married at Whittington church to Catherine Coyës (? Conyers), who only survived eight years, being buried on 20 February 1578-9. Her husband predeceased her by nineteen months as he was buried 26 July 1577. They had two daughters, viz. (i) Margaret, baptized 14 July 1574 and buried 27 April 1576; (ii) Anne, baptized 6 October 1575, who was married at Whittington on 26 November 1589 to Thomas son of Christopher Carus of Halton Hall.

Reverting now to William Huddleston, the second son of Richard (who made the settlement in 1553), we find from his will, dated 13 November 1587,³ that he lived at Park House in Whittington; this house no longer exists, but its site is represented by Parkhouse Barn. He was buried at Whitting-

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Pleadings*, Elizabeth, vol. 52, p. 23.

² *Richmondshire Wills* (Surtees Soc.), 115.

³ *Richmond Wills* (Somerset House).

ton on 17 November 1587 ; in his will he names his wife Cicely and his son Richard ; his family consisted of Richard Huddleston, baptized 16 April 1561 ; Elizabeth, baptized 6 December 1562 ; Isabel, baptized 1 April 1565.

Richard Huddleston appears to have continued to live at Park House and had a wife, Anne, who was buried at Whittington on 3 December 1592. Richard survived until 1607, when he was buried on 6 December, leaving three children, viz. :

- (i) Elizabeth, baptized 26 November 1586.
- (ii) Dorothy, baptized 6 August 1589.
- (iii) William, baptized 28 September 1591.

On the death of Richard Huddleston in 1607 his children appear to have left Whittington and may possibly be represented by the Huddleston family which was in Tunstall parish during the seventeenth century.

It has been explained how this manor of Westhall, when in the Carus ownership, was augmented by the purchase of lands on Sellet and that part of the old Thirnby manor which had come to the Lord Mounteagle and Morley ; but it is worthy of note that the customs of the manor of Hornby were said to be observed with regard to these lands in the depositions already quoted. No customs have yet appeared regarding the manor of Garneygarth, which was also annexed to that of Westhall.

In the original manor of Westhall, however, the tenants appear to have been customary tenants from whom arbitrary fines were exacted, as is shown by the deposition of one Edward Cockin of Whittington, aged 70 in 1635, who deposes that he bought a house of 16*d.* rent from his brother Marmaduke Cockin and paid a fine of £6 in spite of his protests.¹ Naturally such fines were considered tyrannical by the tenants, and when the Commonwealth government was in power and the Carus family were being mulcted as Roman Catholics and royalists,

¹ *Duchy of Lanc., Depositions*, 10 Chas. I, No. 15.

the tenants banded themselves together under the leadership of John Foxcroft, a lawyer and tenant, and, for £670, obtained an indenture dated 20 October 1654 from the Carus family (viz. from Thomas Carus, the elder, Thomas Carus, the younger, and Christopher Carus son of Thomas the younger and grandson of Thomas the elder) by which the fines and customs of the manor were first reduced to writing; this fact accounts for the earliest extant Court Roll of the manor dating from 1654.¹ But, when Charles II was restored, the tenants appear to have had fears that this indenture might be invalidated; they therefore exhibited a bill in the Chancery of the Palatinate of Lancaster in Hilary term, 15 Chas. II [1663], *Rowland Bordrigg and others, plaintiffs v. Thomas Carus and Mary his wife and Christopher Carus and Mary his wife, defendants*. The defendants acknowledged the indenture of 1654 and the Court made a decree (confirming the terms of the indenture) on the 30th June 1663.² The customs as settled are given in the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*.

This manor remained in the Carus family until the year 1732, when the trustees of Mr. Carus of Halton Hall sold it to William Bordrigg of Whittington for £540.

THE BORDRIGGS

The Bordrigg family had been seated at Whittington certainly since the time of Henry VIII and probably long before, and was a well-to-do yeoman family. The grandfather of the present purchaser had built or re-built a house, situated on the north side of the road leading from the village towards the church, in 1658 as shown by the initials and date over the entrance door. It has square mullioned windows with drip-courses.

William Bordrigg, the grandson of the builder (who was also a William Bordrigg), was in occupation in 1721 as a young

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 246.

² From an *Inspeimus* in the possession of the late Mr. Theodore Harris.

man of 23 years of age when he erected a curious wooden carving :

The top of this carving is a semi-circle in which is a boldly cut imperial crown, the lower part of which separates the initials W.B., below, and separated by hanging wreaths, is the date 1721 over a bar, under which, in a pillared alcove, there stands the full-faced figure of a man wearing a curly wig and habited in a close-fitting coat buttoned to the waist, having wide skirts which are slightly open so as to show the legs clothed in breeches and stockings. The arms of the man are akimbo. On each side of the alcove, springing upwards from a vine ending in a bunch of grapes, is the figure of a cherub adorned with a halo, the right hand pointing up to the Crown and the left holding a sceptre. Below these figures is curled ornamentation which may be meant for snakes trodden underfoot by the cherubs. A photograph showing the device is attached.

The question arises : Was William Bordrigg, in his young days, a Jacobite and is this carving meant to represent the *Pretender* ?

After acquiring the manor William Bordrigg called his house "Manor House," and so it is called to the present day. He appears to have had a legal training and acted as his own steward of the manor. He died intestate and without issue in 1760, when the manor devolved in equal shares on his three sisters, Anne, Ellen and Alice.

Alice Bordrigg had married Oliver North at Whittington on 16 February 1734, and her son Miles North inherited his mother's third share.

Anne Bordrigg died unmarried in 1768 and by her will bequeathed her third share to her nephew Miles North.

Ellen Bordrigg had married John Smith of Arkholme at Whittington on 5 June 1740, and he sold his wife's third share to the said Miles North in 1796.

Thus Miles North became the sole owner of this manor which

BORDRIGG OF WHITTINGTON

REYNOLD BORDRIGG of Whittington, = JENNET, held the tenement held a customary tenement under the Manor of Westhall and a rent of 8s. 2d. under the Manor of Lathebote or Garneygarth, *temp.* Henry VIII; in the Subsidy Roll 1543 had goods worth 20s. and paid 2d.; bur. at Whittington, 18 Feb. 1557-8.

WILLIAM BORDRIGG, bur. at Whittington, 9 Aug. 1585.

(1) JENNET, bur. at Whittington, 10 June 1569.

= (2) . . .

THOMAS B., bap. at Whittington, 9 Nov. 1540.

MARGARET and JANE (twins), bap. at Whittington, 14 July 1549.

ROWLAND BORDRIGG of Whittington, compounded in £10 for not taking Knighthood, 1631-2; aged 60 in 1632 (*Duc. of Lanc. Depos.*, 8 Chas. I, no. 26); died 1635, holding lands of the King as of his Manor of East Greenwich (*V.C.H. Lancs.*), Inq. *p.m.*; Will dated 14 May 1635; Inventory, 25 May; Admon. bond, 4 June; bur. at Whittington, 17 May 1635, as "Richard B."; had an illegitimate son, William, by Elizabeth Lonsdale, bap. 3 July 1631, to whom he left 20 nobles in his Will.

DOROTHY THORNTON, mar. at Whittington, 11 Jan. 1596-7; bur. 10 Feb. 1616-17.

MICHAEL B., bur. 5 Aug. 1630 as a bachelor; Inventory of goods, 17 Aug. 1630; Admon. to brother Rowland B.

WILLIAM BORDRIGG, bap. at Whittington 14 Sept. 1600; son and heir, aged 35 by Inq. *p.m.* in 1635; in Will, 10 March 1649-50, calls himself "Wm. B. the elder" and names his 4 children; bur. 6 April 1660; Inventory 25 May 1660.

CATHERINE, exix. 1660; bur. at Whittington, 11 Oct. 1664.

RICHARD B., bap. 7 Oct. 1604; Will 18 July, Inventory 21 July, Bond 27 July; bur. 20 July 1637, as "of Newton"; *ob.s.p.*; mar. ALICE THOMPSON, dau. of Mr. Thompson of Farleton.

ELLEN B., bap. 29 March 1611; died young.

JANE B., bap. 28 Feb. 1614-15; named in Will of br. Richard, 1637; mar. at Tunstall, 30 Jan. 1637-8, to THOMAS SMITH of Tunstall.

MARGARET B., mar. THOMAS BARTON of Tunstall, named as brother-in-law in Wills of William and Richard B.

ROWLAND BORDRIGG, bap. at Whittington 28 July 1631; named in Will 1660; a customary tenant in Whittington Manor in 1663, named in Decree.

WILLIAM B., bap. 30 May 1633; bur. 16 May 1636.

RICHARD B., bap. 7 Jan. 1634-5; in father's Will 1660.

DOROTHY B., named in Will 1660; mar. Brian Johnson of Leeds.

ISABEL B., named in 1660; mar. Thomas Denny of Halton; mar. bond at Lancaster, 23 April 1666.

JAMES BORDRIGG, bap. at Whittington, = ELIZABETH, ELLEN B., MABEL B., named as
 16 March 1577-8; bur. 2 March bur. at Whit- bap. at Whit- Aunt in Will of
 1640-1; held a messuage in Tunstall tington 11 Feb. tington Richard B. 1637;
 and Burrow and land in Whittington, 1639-40. 26 Dec. 1579. bur. at Whittington
 Inq. *p.m.* 1641; named in Will of in Aug. 1650.

AGNES B., ROBERT ESKRIGG of ESKRIGG; = ELLEN B.,
 bap. at Whit- called "brother-in-law" in mar. at
 tington Will of Wm. B., 1664, and Whittington
 31 Aug.; bur. made exor. 23 Nov.
 13 Sept. 1623. 1640.

WILLIAM BORDRIGG, bap. at Whittington, = ANNA THORNTON,
 12 Sept. 1629; found son and heir, aged mar. at Tunstall,
 13 years, in 1641 by Inq. *p.m.*; Will 18 Dec. 1651; bur.
 12 Dec.; bur. 14 Dec. 1664; Inventory, at Whittington,
 17 Dec.; Admon. bond, 26 Jan. 1664-5. 19 March 1657-8.

JAMES BORDRIGG, bap. at Whitting- = ANNE . . . , WILLIAM BORDRIGG, = MARGARET
 ton, 26 Nov. 1654; "son and heir" exix. to her husband; bap. at Whitting- BORRETT,
 in his father's Will; Will dated signed Tuition bond, ton 27 Dec. 1657; mar. at
 14 Sept. 1710; bur. 6 Nov. 1710; 21 Dec. 1710, for first in his father's Will Kirkby Lons-
 Inventory, 13 Nov.; Admon. bond, called "younger dale 3 Feb.
 21 Dec. 1710. son"; was a mer- 1682-3.
 cer in Kirkby Lons-
 dale.
 WILLIAM BORDRIGG, bap. at
 Kirkby Lonsdale,
 12 April 1684.

1. WILLIAM BORDRIGG, bap. at Whitting- 2. JOHN B., bap. 3. ANN B., bap. 29 Nov. 1702;
 ton, 25 July 1698; bought the Manor bur. 13 Oct. 1700; bur. 7 Sept. 1768, aged 66
 of Whittington from Mr. Carus, 1732, bur. 30 Oct. 1704. (M.I.); administered estates
 for £540; named in Will of his of her mother, 1750, and
 mother, 1749; died intestate and brother, 1760; by Will,
 unmar.; bur. at Whittington, 26 March 1766, devised her
 30 June 1760, aged 62 (M.I.); third part of the Manor of
 Admon. of goods to sister Ann, Whittington to her nephew,
 14 Aug. 1760. Miles North, in fee.

4. ELLEN B., bap. = JOHN SMITH of 5. ALICE B., bap. 4 Jan. = OLIVER NORTH. 6. MARY B.,
 10 June 1705, Arkholme; sold his wife's posthumous;
 mar. at share of the bap. 11 March
 Whittington 1711; bur.
 5 June 1740. to Miles North 24 Oct. 1731
 in 1796.

MARY ANNE SMITH and ALICE S.,
 named in Will of their
 grandmother, 1749.

MILES NORTH, only son and heir;
 bap. at Whittington, 9 Dec. 1738;
 became possessed of the whole
 Manor of Whittington.

devolved on his descendants, the present owner being Mr. Edward Tempest Tunstall North (see pedigree of North).

NEWTON-WITH-DOCKER

The last third of the manor of Whittington was that now known as Newton-with-Docker, and appears to have belonged to a native family which had accepted the Norman king. Ravenkil son of Raganald is the first of this family to be named, as he attested the charter of Roger of Poitou to the monks of Lancaster in 1094¹; he was also a holder of lands in Woodplumpton. His son Roger gave land in Linacre to the Hospital of Jerusalem and was father of Richard who died in 1201.²

This Richard son of Roger married Margaret daughter and co-heir of Thurstan Banastre, and was the founder of Lytham Priory—Margaret is named in her husband's charter of 1-5 Richard I [1189-94].³ Richard had five daughters and was fined £100 for marrying his eldest daughter, Matilda, without the king's licence; this fine is accounted for in the Pipe Roll of 1179-80. His children were:

- (i) Matilda, married to Sir Robert de Stockport, who died in 1205, leaving a son and heir Robert de Stockport, whose inquisition *post mortem* is dated 27 March 1249, who also left a son and heir Robert de Stockport of full age, who had livery of his lands by writ dated 4 May 1248, having given 33s. 4d. for his relief. He died in 1292, leaving a daughter and heiress Joan, who married Sir Nicholas de Eton.
- (ii) Quinilda, was married twice, first to Jordan de Thornhill and secondly to Roger Gernet of Halton. She however died without issue in 1252, when an inquisition *post mortem*, held on 13 May, found that her heirs were Robert de Stockport and Sir Ralph de Bethum, great-nephew and nephew respectively, and that she

¹ Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, p. 43.

² *Ibid.*, pp. 43, 44.

³ *Ibid.*, pp. 346, 348.

held in chief of the heirs of Sir William de Lindesey, 5½ bovates of land in Whittington by the service of 4s. 5d. In June 1252 her heirs paid 40s. and had livery of her lands.

- (iii) Margaret, married in 1206 to Hugh de Morton, died *s.p.*
- (iv) Avice, married in 1201 to William de Millum; both died *s.p.* before 1235.
- (v) Amuria, married, before 1206, to Thomas de Bethum, on whom an inquisition *post mortem* was held, on 17 April 1249, which found Sir Ralph de Bethum to be his son and heir.

In 1252 this Sir Ralph was found to be one of the heirs of his aunt the Lady Quinilda. He died 8 March 1254 and his daughter Joan, who was 7½ years old, was found to be his heir by inquisition *post mortem* held on 8 June 1254, when it was stated that he held 7½ bovates of land in Whittington of Walter de Lindesey by the service of 6s. 8½d. Joan however died shortly afterwards and her uncle Robert, brother to Sir Ralph, was found heir and had livery of his lands on 5 March 1257. He was living in 1283 and was dead in 1297, when his heirs rendered 8s. 8d. for the lands in Botle. He had a son and heir Thomas de Bethum, who appears in an inquisition *a.q.d.* of the year 1300 regarding the proposed gift of the church of Whittington to the Prior of Cartmel. This Thomas was knight of the shire for Westmorland in 30 Edward I and in 2, 4, 5 and 7 Edward II.

Thomas was succeeded by his brother Sir Ralph de Bethum, who is named in the extent of the lands of the Duke of Lancaster made 20 May 1346 ¹ and in the minister's account of the same in 1348.²

From the above it will be seen that the heirs to this manor were Robert de Stockport and Sir Ralph de Bethum in the year 1252; Thomas de Bethum does not appear, by his inquisi-

¹ *Lancs. Inq. and Ext.* (Record Soc.), iii, 91, 92, 111, 112.

² *Ibid.*, iii, 178, 179.

tion *post mortem* in 1249, to have held any land here ; but his son Sir Ralph de Betham is returned, in his inquisition *post mortem* on 8 June 1254, as holding $7\frac{1}{4}$ bovates, which may be regarded as the nominal carucate generally mentioned in the extents of these lands as a holding in Whittington.

If this is so, it would appear that in the division of the Lady Quinilda's estate, Robert de Stockport had taken other lands in south Lancashire for his portion and left the Whittington land to Sir Ralph de Betham.

Now the Lady Quinilda and her sisters held the manor of Aughton in the hundred of West Derby, and in the year 1235 there is a fine by which they sold the advowson of the church at Aughton to Blethin de Aughton and his son Madoc.¹ Later, in 1258 and 1259, we find Madoc de Aughton bringing lawsuits against William Sturnall and Walter de Lindesey regarding land in Whittington ; from which the conclusion may be drawn that the manor of Newton with Docker had been sold or given to this Madoc by the heirs of the Lady Quinilda. Madoc however sold it, by fine on 3 November 1259,² to Walter de Lindesey, who was chief lord of the fee ; having now got this manor into his own hands, he appears to have enfeoffed one of the Morthings who were military tenants under him in south-west Cumberland.

This appears in the extent of 1346 (quoted above) in which, under the head of Whittington, we read :

" Adomarus Darcy renders for the said carucate of land in Whittington as above 3s. 4d. at the four terms and suit of county and wapentake and puture. William de Morthing holds a carucate of land and John de Hotelston a carucate in Witinton which are held by knight's service as above and suit of county and wapentake." ³

We know that Huddleston held the Westhall manor and Aymar Darcy had received the escheated manor of Lathebote from the King, hence William de Morthing must, at this

¹ *Lancs. Feet of Fines* (Record Soc.), i, 63.

² *Ibid.*, i, 131.

³ *Lancs. Inq. and Ext.* (Record Soc.), iii, 152.

period, have been in possession of the third manor, viz. Newton-with-Docker.

The next record (in point of time) which appears is that contained in the inquisition *post mortem* on Thomas Tunstall, chivaler, of Thurland, held at Lancaster on 25 January 1416, which states that among other possessions

"he was seised of the manor of Newton and Hoburthornes and held it of John, Duke of Bedford, in socage and by a rent of 1 lb. of pepper a year which is worth beyond reprises 100s. And said Thomas Tunstall died on Tuesday before the feast of St Martin the Bishop last past [5 November 1415]. And that William Tunstall son of the said Thomas is his next heir and aged 24 or more." ¹

Hoburthornes is a messuage (sometimes called a manor) in Warton township.

Apparently the Tunstalls of Thurland continued to hold this manor of Newton as in 18 Eliz. on Monday in the fourth week in Lent [12 March 1576] a fine was levied at Lancaster between Francis Tunstall, esq., plaintiff, and John Warrener and Katherine, his wife, deforciantes of the manor of Newton with the appurtenances and 20 messuages, 6 cottages, a water-mill, 26 gardens, 26 orchards, 500 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath, 20 acres of turbary and ten shillings of rent in Newton in Lonsdale, Docker and Whittington. (Plea of covenant.) John and Katherine remitted all right to Francis and his heirs, for which Francis gave them £300.²

The above-quoted fine probably indicates that this manor had been mortgaged and was redeemed; at least it shows that it had returned into the hands of Francis Tunstall of Thurland Castle. That this property referred to the whole township of Newton-with-Docker seems certain, when the area specified, 1,640 customary acres, is considered; as that quantity is equal to 2,656½ statutory acres, while the whole area of this

¹ Townley, *Abstracts of Lancs. Inq.* (Chetham Soc.), i, 115.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 18 Eliz., Bdle. 38, m. 86 [Farrer MSS.].

township is given as 1,978½ statutory acres,¹ which leaves a balance of 678 statutory acres (or 418 customary acres) as the part of the land in Whittington proper.

Now this Francis Tunstall had married Alice daughter of Sir William Radcliffe, of Ordsall, knight; she is named in a Yorkshire fine as living in 1566-7 (see Yorks. Record Series), She only had a couple of daughters and died soon after that date, as Francis Tunstall married secondly Anne, daughter of Richard Bold of Bold, in 10 Eliz. (see Dugdale's *Visitation*) 1567-8, by whom he had a son and heir Francis born in 1569.

Francis Tunstall, the father, settled his estates in 1585, as shown by a fine levied at Lancaster on 16 August 27 Eliz. [1585], wherein the plaintiffs are Richard Shirburne, knight, Richard Bold, esquire, Edward Standysse, esquire, Edward Myddleton, esquire, Francis Tunstall of Awclyffe, esquire, and Francis Bold, gent. The properties settled were the manors of Thursland, Newton, Docker, Overlecke, Netherlecke, Cansfield, Overburoughe, Netherboroughe, Whittington and Tunstall, with appurtenances and various messuages, &c.² In this Newton and Docker are spoken of as separate manors; but there does not appear to be any record that they were separated, so that it may easily be a clerical error for Newton *with* Docker.

The death of Francis Tunstall, the father, is recorded in the Hornby Castle manor court rolls as being reported on 10 May 1587, and his son and heir Francis is stated to be 18 years old.

Francis Tunstall, the son, obtained his inheritance in 1591; he married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Gascoigne of Sedbury, co. York, and began to sell off his Lancashire properties having determined to move into Yorkshire.

Before 1596 he had sold land to Robert Bindloss as appears from the inquisition *post mortem* on the latter, held 13 September, 38 Eliz. [1596], wherein Robert Bindloss is stated to have

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 241.

² *Pal. of Lanc., Feet of Fines*, 27 Eliz., Bdle. 47, m. 53 [Farrer MSS.].

died seised of a messuage and lands in Whittington and Docker held of Francis Tunstall of Thurland as of his manor of Whittington by fealty and suit of court.¹ On 18 July, 39 Eliz. [1597], there was a fine by which this Francis Tunstall sold to Christopher Bindloss 2 messuages, 12 cottages, 1 water-mill, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor, 100 acres of Turbary, 200 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all cattle in Argholme, Storrs, Newton and Docker.² There are many similar fines of sales of land in Newton and Docker by Francis Tunstall, who appears to have sold off his manor into freeholds, and he finally sold Thurland Castle with the lands on the east side of the river Lune and £4 of rent in Newton and Docker on 19 August, 3 James I [1605], to George Pudsey and Robert Heysham, nominees of Nicholas Girlington.³ After the Commonwealth war John Girlington exercised some right as Lord of the Manor ; but after that no more appears.

Thus the manor of Newton-with-Docker came to an end and no one claims any manor there at the present time.

THE RECTORY MANOR

There was also a small reputed rectory manor, the origin of which is not recorded ; but it probably arose through treating the church glebe in manorial fashion by permitting the heirs of tenants to succeed to their fathers' tenancies on payment of arbitrary fines. The fact that the fines enforced in this small manor were arbitrary points to the origin of the manor as prior to the settlement of the Westhall manor customs in 1654, when the old arbitrary fines were abolished and moderate ones fixed.

It appears to have existed as a manor in Queen Elizabeth's

¹ Brig.-General North's transcript from P.R.O.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 39 Eliz., Bdle. 58, m. 85 [Farrer MSS.].

³ *Ibid.*, 3 James I, Bdle. 68, No. 42.

reign as one James North, of the age of 58, describes himself as *tenant* to the parson of Whittington when making a deposition on 26 March, 21 Eliz. [1579].¹

Written records are only extant from the year 1758, from which time successive rectors have admitted tenants.² All manors have now been abolished under Lord Birkenhead's Land Act.

A TUDOR LAWSUIT

A dispute arose between the Huddlestons of Westhall and the Tunstalls of Thurland Castle as to the ownership of various lands in Newton and Docker which is very characteristic of the unsettled times following the Wars of the Roses.

When the chief manor of Lathebote or Garneygarth had been leased by the Crown to various tenants and had been finally leased to Francis Tunstall, to be held in socage at a yearly rent, he conceived himself to be chief lord of Whittington and brought to a head some disputes which had been growing for many years.

Richard Huddleston, who was brother-in-law to Brian Tunstall of Thurland Castle, appears to have taken advantage of the minority of his nephew Sir Marmaduke Tunstall (Brian's son and heir) about the year 1514, and tried to extend his manor of Westhall towards Newton and Docker by inclosing some grounds, viz. an intake on the south-west of Docker Moor (probably Mort Intake, as Mr. Mort was of counsel in the subsequent law proceedings) and some other intakes near Newton. He also claimed to be chief lord of Whittington during the period when the manor of Lathebote or Garneygarth was leased to the Marquis of Northampton, whose steward, or as he is called in the depositions, auditor and court-keeper, was Anthony Garnett, a lawyer employed in a similar capacity at Hornby Castle.

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 22 Eliz., No. 25.

² *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 250.

This Anthony Garnett, who is stated to have been the first to hold any kind of manorial court in Whittington,¹ summoned Richard Huddleston to attend the court of the marquis as a freeholder ; but Huddleston refused and stated his claim to be chief lord, which however had no real foundation as the manor of Lathebote was originally held by the barons of Kendal, who were the chief lords of the fee and whose right had passed to the Crown ; yet this shows how the origin and rights of these various manors had been obscured by time and the neglect to hold courts.

Richard Huddleston lived to be an old man, dying in 1553, in which year he settled his estate on his grandson, Miles Huddleston, and his heirs, which failing it was to pass to his second son William Huddleston (see *ante*, p. 34).

Miles Huddleston is stated, in the depositions, to have been only 2 years old at the time of his grandfather's death and he became a ward to Thomas Stanley, Lord Mounteagle. During his minority the Tunstalls encroached on the inclosures made by Richard Huddleston and annexed them generally ; so that when Miles Huddleston came of age he had to bring a Chancery action against Francis Tunstall (the grandson of Brian Tunstall) in the year 1573.

The lands claimed by Huddleston were : An intake on the south-west side of Docker Moor (? Mort Intake), an intake adjoining it, the Upper Field, the Nether Field (referred to in the depositions as Newton Nether Field), Preste Holme, Yareside, Brakingebere (called also Brokenbar), the Oute Fields, Skekescare (also called Keckilskare), a moss in an intake called the Outfield adjoining Cross Moor, containing a total of 400 acres.

Francis Tunstall, by way of confusing the issue, brought an action in the Star Chamber against Miles Huddleston and Bryan Dawney, accusing them of riot at Cross Moor in 1573 ;

¹ More information regarding Anthony Garnett may be found in the Cumberland and Westmorland A. and A. Soc. *Transactions*, N.S. xvi, 101-7.

but their answer appears to have satisfied the Court, and in Hilary Term, 18 Eliz. [1576], Tunstall is ordered "to surcease his sute against the said Myles Huddleston and others in the Stare Chamber concerning a riot supposed to be committed by the said Myles and others," and is ordered to prosecute his suit in the Duchy Chancery.

Many commissions were appointed to take evidence, but the commissioners failed to agree and broke up, so that it was not possible to get the depositions taken until Easter Term, 19 Eliz. [1577], when a commission was issued to Thomas Preston, Edward Braddill, Ric. Braddill and John Bradley, esquires, to 4, 3, or 2 of them to examine witnesses, returnable at Michaelmas next.

Much evidence was taken : that for Huddleston was principally that Richard Huddleston had driven the wastes and moors and impounded beasts ; that he had enclosed the intakes and had claimed to be chief lord ; that he had received boon services at shearing time from the inhabitants of Dalton for their overshot on Whittington and Docker Moors.

The evidence for Tunstall is no longer to be found, nor is the ultimate Decree ; but an examination of the existing boundary between Whittington and Newton with Docker shows that Mort Intake and the fields about Newton were awarded to the Tunstalls as belonging to their undoubted manor of Newton with Docker while a peculiarly shaped oblong containing Cross Moor which thrusts in as it were into Newton with Docker was awarded to Huddleston as part of his manor.

CHAPTER III

WHITTINGTON CHURCH

FABRIC—ADVOWSON—RECTORS—CHAPELS—CHARITIES—
PARISH CLERKS

THIS church is dedicated to Saint Michael and stands on high ground on the north-west side of the village ; there is a mound to the west of the church which may have been a Norse moot-hill.

The church consists of a chancel, nave and north and south aisles, a west tower and a south porch. The tower is the only part which can be called old as the body of the church was " restored " in 1875 and a complete clearance, of everything old, appears to have been made, excepting the walls, which received new windows, so that the general appearance is that of a Gothic church. The chancel and nave have a continuous roof, below the clearstory the roofs of the aisles are of the lean-to type and the porch is of wood on a masonry base.

The tower is of fifteenth-century work, 50 feet high, and opens by an arch into the church. It has a spiral stair in the north-east corner and diagonal buttresses ; the west door has a pointed arch with a hood mould. The west window is a square-headed one with three lights which are round-headed, and there is an external hood-mould. The belfry windows are of a similar type, but are supplied with wooden louvres. On the west side, between the window and the belfry, is a niche containing a modern figure of the Good Shepherd. There is also a clock. The lower part of the tower is used as a bap-

tistry, the font of polished limestone is modern ; but an old font lies in the churchyard near to the porch.¹

The mound on the west side of the church, above referred to, has a stone sundial shaft on a square base of five steps, which may have been the steps of a cross. The dial bears the inscription " Ex dñ. Ric. Jackson Rector de Whittington An. Dn. 1641."

There are six bells, viz. :

- (i) The treble founded by E. Seller of York in 1739, inscribed " Gloria in Altissimis Deo " and with the names of George Hornby, rector, and four churchwardens.
- (ii) One, founded by A. Rudhall in 1754, is inscribed " Prosperity to the Parish."
- (iii) One, founded by Taylor & Co. of Loughborough, in 1875, is inscribed " To the Glory of God. In loving memory of Thomas Greene 1875."
- (iv) One, founded by the same firm and inscribed " The gift of many friends. In loving memory of Thomas Greene 1875."
- (v) One, founded by the same firm and inscribed " To the Glory of God. The gift of Robert Burrow of Wrayton and family 1875."
- (vi) The tenor bell is a recasting, by Taylor & Co. in 1875, of a bell founded in 1673 and bears both dates.

The plate consists of a silver-gilt chalice bearing the maker's initials, W. R., the other marks being rubbed out, a modern silver-gilt paten and a large paten and silver-gilt flagon, both inscribed " In usam Ecclesiæ Whittingtoniensis Ao. Dnj. 1719. Donum Leonardi Jackson, A.M., Rector de Tatham filij Richi. Jackson nuper Rectoris de Whittington in Com. Lancastriæ."

The Registers commence in December 1538 (the year in which Cromwell ordered them to be started) ; of these, the

¹ Should the reader desire a more detailed account of the architecture of this church he is referred to the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, viii.

first two volumes (1538 to 1764) have been printed by the Lancashire Parish Register Society. There is a tithe map which is kept at the rectory.

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH

The following inscription which was swept away by the "restoration" of 1875 was preserved in the notes of Mr. Francis Fenwick Pearson of Storrs Hall, Arkholme, viz. :

"Subtus requiscunt cineras Thomæ North generosi et Ellinori uxoris hujus parochiæ—Ille ob: decimo quarto die Feb: an: 1747 (O.S.) ætatis suæ octogesimo quinto—Illa ob: . . . die Feb: 1760 (N.S.) ætatis suæ octogesimo septo."

The date of the lady's burial is given in the parish register as 4 February 1760 ; and that of Thomas North as 17 February 1749-50, hence there may be an error in the transcription where 7 has been written instead of 9.

The following inscriptions exist in the church, viz. :

IN THE BELFRY

1. In this church and cemetery are deposited the remains of Ann widow of James Bordrigg interred Dec. 10th, 1749
And of William the son of James and Ann Bordrigg
Interred June 30th, 1760 aged 62.
And Ann his sister interred Sept. 7th, 1768 Aged 66.
Also of Richard North interred Jan. 22, 1773 aged 89.
And of Ann North the wife of Richard interred Feb. 10th, 1760
Aged 61.
Of Oliver North son of Rich^d and Ann interred March 20th, 1761
Aged 49.
Of Alice wife of Oliver interred Dec. 18th, 1738 Aged 31.
And of Ann sister of Oliver interred Dec. 18th, 1769 aged 54.
The erector of this stone
Miles North,
now lies beneath it, once Lord of this Manor.
Also his first born Edward Jackson North
who died an infant. 1st September 1837.

2. In Memory of Thomas North of Docker
who died July 16th 1790,
Aged 68.
Also of Isabella his Wife,
who died August 7th 1788.
Aged 66.
3. Near this stone are interred
the Remains of William Margisson
late of Docker, Who departed this Life
Sept. 24th 1761.
He was a Man of a kind and friendly Disposition
Sincere in his Professions and honest in his
Dealings and a constant Frequenter of the
public Worship of God.
At his death he left £320 for the Poor of this Parish
and for the Building and Endowment of a School
for their use.
Sacred to the Memory of the above Person
as also to that of his brother (her late husband)
John Margisson and their Father and Mother
John and Agnes
Agnes Martin has erected this monument.
4. Sacred to the memory of Sarah Susannah only child
of the late John Fidkin Esq^r of Harrow Weald Lodge in
the County of Herts and Granddaughter of the late
Miles North Esq^r of Thurland Castle who died 5 March
1832 aged 17 years.
5. William Fisher, clerk and sexton, born at Heversham
November 16th, 1790. Died Sept. 1st, 1852. [*Abbreviated.*]
6. In Memory of
Major Richard Toulmin North
of the Coldstream Guards,¹
once Lord of this Manor,
Born 17th January 1782
Died 14th July 1865.

¹ There is a mistake here, as he was a Major in the 1st Lancashire Militia, not in the Coldstream Guards. His commissions were: Ensign in Coldstream Guards 10 July 1800; Captain in Hompesch's Mounted Riflemen 8 Sept. 1802; Retired on Half Pay 1808; Major 1st Royal Lancs. Militia 24 Feb. 1820; Retired in 1845.

ON THE NORTH WALL OF CHURCH

7.

In
loving memory of
the late
North North esq^r
of
Thurland Castle
and Newton Hall
once Lord of this
and other Manors,
late Lieu^t Indian Army
Born 1st April 1824, Died at Newton Hall
in this Parish
9th April 1910.
Also of his wife
Alicia Gertrude
only daughter of
Major R. L. J. Versturme,
Born 9th Nov. 1834,
Died at Old Hall,
Milnthorpe,
Westmorland,
13th Feb. 1913
[A coat of arms below.]

8.

In loving memory of
John Brabyn North
eldest son of
Brigadier-General
Bordrigge N. North, C.B.
Born 6th December 1896
Died at Toulon, France,
17th May 1921. R.I.P.

IN A WINDOW IN THE SOUTH WALL

9. To the memory of Charles John Dawson-Greene 2nd Lieut. Grenadier Guards who died, April 23rd 1918, of wounds received in action in France, aged 20 years.
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THE ADVOWSON

The advowson appears originally to have belonged to Robert son of Gilmichael (whose family may have owned it before the Conquest), and Robert is said to have given it to the Priory of Cartmel, which was founded in 1189¹ and a pension of two marks annually was paid to the Prior before 1233, as mentioned in the charter of Pope Gregory IX of that date, to the Prior and monks of Cartmel.²

The Priory is believed to have presented the first clerk of whom there is any record, viz. : Henry son of William son of Swain, a clerk who held land in Little Carlton in Amounderness and took the name of Whittington from his church about the year 1230.

Subsequently each of the three manors appears to have had (or claimed to have) an equal right in the advowson as is shown by an *Inquisitio q.a.d.* held on 15 September 1300, when the jury state that Thomas de Betham holds a third part and John de Hoddelston two-thirds, to wit one part of the heirs of Richard de Stockpart [and the other part being his own]. They also say that the Prior and convent of Cartmel have two marks annual pension of the said church by right.³

Now these names Betham, Hoddelston and Stockport were shown in the chapter on the Manors to have been the names of the families who held those manors.

Many disputes occurred regarding the advowson, as a result of which the Prior of Cartmel had his pension raised from 2 to 4 marks, after which he ceased his claim ; but 4 marks were paid to the Prior by the Rector down to the Reformation and afterwards to the Crown, until it was sold by Charles II in 1670.

After these disputes the advowson settled in the Huddleston's manor of Westhall, where it remained until the marriage of

¹ Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, p. 70n.

² Baines, *Hist. Lancs.*, under *Cartmel*.

³ *Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc.*, vol. 48, pp. 306-7.

the heiress, Anne Huddleston with Thomas Carus in 1589, carried it into the family of Carus of Halton Hall. There it remained until the beginning of the eighteenth century, when the Carus family, being Roman Catholics, could not present to the living, therefore sold it. It was purchased in 1718 by Edmund Hornby of Poulton-le-Fylde, whose descendant, Charles W. L. Penrhyn Hornby of Dalton Hall, Burton, is the present owner.

The value of the rectory was taxed at £16 in the year 1291; but after the Scotch invasion of 1322 the taxation was reduced to £3 6s. 8d. This was also the value of the ninth of sheaves, &c., in 1341.

In 1527 the value of the rectory was stated as £24; but in 1535 the net value was given as only £13 19s. 9½d. In 1650 the profits of the rectory were "commonly reputed" to be £137 a year, there being no composition or prescription to limit the claim for tithe except for hay in Docker. In 1717 the income was about £120. The net value is now given as £382.¹

THE RECTORS

| Instituted. | Name. | Patron. | Cause of Vacancy. |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| c. 1200 | Henry son of William | Prior of Cartmel | — |
| c. 1240 | William de Rotherfield | Archdeacon of Richmond | Death of Henry |
| 2 Dec. 1292 | Master John Lovel | Edmund, Earl of Lancaster | — |
| 13 Jan. 1296-7 | Thomas de Weston | John de Hudleston | Resignation of J. Lovel |
| Oct. 1305 | Robert de Hudleston | do. | Resignation of T. Weston |
| Oct. 1311 | John de Lucton <i>or</i> Linton | Prior of Cartmel | Death of R. de Hudleston |
| c. 1327 | Roger Stott | Richard de Hudleston | Deprivation of J. de Linton |
| Oct. 1334-6 | William Felagh | do. | Resignation of R. Stott |
| Oct. 1344 | William de Newton | — | — |
| 14 Sept. 1377 | Reginald de Westbury | Archdeacon of Richmond | — |

¹ Crockford for 1929.

| Instituted. | Name. | Patron. | Cause of Vacancy. |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 July 1380 | William Baines | John de Hodleston | — |
| Oct. 1401-17 | Thomas del Green | — | — |
| 12 Jan. 1419-20 | Edmund Yealand | Ralph Hudleston | Death of T. del Green |
| c. 1448 | William Hudleston | Katherine Hudleston | Resignation of E. Yealand |
| c. 1506 | William Ashton | Richard Hudleston | — |
| c. 1530 | Master Miles Hudleston | — | — |
| c. 1560 | Thomas Bland | — | — |
| 14 April 1576 | Hugh Conway, M.A. | Francis Tunstall ¹ | Death of T. Bland |
| 9 July 1576 | John Newton | Miles Hudleston | — |
| 21 Sept. 1630 | Daniel Meyre | { Thomas Covell The King } | { Death of J. Newton |
| 14 July 1641 | Richard Jackson, M.A. | { Edward Middleton The King } | { Death of D. Meyre |
| 30 June 1681 | Thomas Bouch, M.A. | Christopher Carus | Death of R. Jackson |
| 17 Sept. 1716 | George Hornby, M.A. | Edmund Hornby | Death of T. Bouch |
| 20 Feb. 1747-8 | Thomas Nicholson | { Edmund Hornby Susannah Hornby } | { Death of G. Hornby |
| 10 Apl. 1755 | Robert Ravald, M.A. | Edmund Hornby | Resignation of T. Nicholson |
| 2 Apl. 1768 | Robert Oliver, M.A. | Geoffrey Hornby | Death of R. Ravald |
| 16 July 1782 | Thomas Horton, LL.B. | Rev. Geoffry Hornby | Resignation of R. Oliver |
| 6 May 1791 | Benjamin Banner, M.A. | do. | Resignation of T. Horton |
| 21 Aug. 1793 | Thomas Butler, M.A. | do. | Resignation of B. Banner |
| 16 May 1825 | William Carus Wilson, M.A. | William Carus Wilson | Death of T. Butler |
| 3 Jan. 1834 | Edward Pigot, M.A. | Edmund Hornby | Resignation of W. C. Wilson |
| 7 Apl. 1857 | John Hodgkin | E. G. S. Hornby | Death of E. Pigot |

CHAPELS

There does not appear to have been any chantry in the Church, though Richard Newton, in his will dated 12 August 1554, desires "to be buried in the south aisle near St Nicholas' altar," which looks as if there had been a chantry of some kind. But there were chapels at Newton and Sellet. At Newton the chapel was called "the Hermitage of Newton" and had half an acre of land occupied by Richard Godsave (Duchy of Lanc. Special Com., 360). This Richard Godsave (or God-

¹ Conway was Vicar of Lancaster and F. Tunstall had no right to present, so Conway had to give way to Huddleston's presentee.

salve) had been ordained, at Chester, as an acolyte on 21 March 1544 on the recommendation of the above-named Richard Newton, gentleman—subsequently he obtained the orders : sub-deacon on Easter Eve 1545—deacon 30 May 1545—priest 10 April 1546—and was evidently the curate who had charge of the Chapel at Newton.¹ Near Chapel Farm the traces of foundations are still visible and an adjacent spring is called Chapel spring. The last remains of the building, an arch and a window, were removed to Newton Hall in 1857.² Chapel Lane in Newton is mentioned in the published Church Register in 1659.

The chapel at Sellet has to be inferred from the name of a field, situated north of Sellet Hall, called Chapel-field, where a stone coffin is said to have been dug up.

On the 19th September, 6 Edward VI [1552], the King's Commissioners entered into an Indenture with the Whittington Churchwardens, viz. Edmund Tatham, Bryan Newton, Bryan Causfelde and Raynalde Borderigg, regarding church goods which were to be left in the care of the wardens.³

In 1722 the churchwardens reported to the bishop that their minister administered the Holy Sacrament four times a year, wore a surplice, preached every Lord's Day, and was very careful in instructing youth in the Church Catechism. There was one Quaker in the parish.

In 1689 Thomas Slater's house in Whittington was certified as a Presbyterian meeting-place.

In 1736 the first school was built ; ⁴ it was situated close to the present main road and within the present park at its south-eastern corner ; the remains of this school were visible in 1912 but have since been removed. A new school was built in the village, by the Dawson-Greene family, in the Gothic style.

¹ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc., vol. 43, pp. 57, 62, 63, 67.

² *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, p. 252, n. 154.

³ Chetham Soc., N.S. 47, p. 13.

⁴ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, p. 252, n. 156 ; but see List of Clerks, &c., *post*.

CHARITIES

The principal charity is that of William Margison of Docker, who was buried at Whittington on 24 September 1761. By his will, dated in 1759, he left £820 partly for a school and partly for the poor. The income is now £27 4s., from which the school receives £13 a year and the remainder is distributed in doles to the poor.

In 1736 Mary Hardy, widow, left £20 for four poor widows. This was invested in a small piece of land and called "the widows' dale" which was augmented on the inclosure of the moor. The rent of the widows' dale is £2 14s. and is divided between four widows; but the augmentation was sold for £8 which has accumulated and in 1920 amounted to £38 5s.

In 1756, Elizabeth Redman left £20 for good books for boys, "common plain bibles and testaments and the Whole Duty of Man." The income is used in the purchase of bibles given to boys and girls on leaving school.

The Rev. George Hornby, rector of the parish from 1716 to 1747, left a rent-charge of £2 for the poor, but payment ceased in 1813, when the Rev. Thomas Butler was the rector.

In 1837, Richard Sparling Berry bequeathed £500 for the benefit of "such poor, honest and industrious persons" resident in the parish "as should without parochial relief or assistance meritoriously educate their children and train them in the path of piety and honesty." In 1847 a sum of £330 was received and invested in Consols. The income has fallen from £10 10s. to £8 5s. In this charity the benefactor's wishes are being carried out.

PARISH CLERKS, SEXTONS AND SCHOOLMASTERS

17 July 1642. Luke Garnet, clerk, was buried.

3 June 1658. William Newton, clerk and registrar; buried on 24 September 1677.

26 July 1677. James Melling, licensed by the Bishop of Chester; buried 1 August 1690.

- 1690. John Statter, clerk and schoolmaster.
- 28 July 1692. Thomas Thistlethwaite came to be clerk and schoolmaster.
- 14 Jan. 1694-5. . . . Bond came to be clerk and schoolmaster.
1700. Henry Eckridge, clerk at y^e parish church at Whittington.
1750. Henry Foster, clerk and schoolmaster.
- William Fisher, clerk and sexton, died on 1 September 1852.

CHAPTER IV

SELLET HALL—PARK HOUSE—WEST HALL

SELLET appears to have been, originally, part of the manor of Thirnby which, until recently, had only been known to exist by being named in the Domesday Survey and had afterwards been split in two; part being added to Kirkby Lonsdale township and part to Whittington (see *ante* The Manor of Thirnby).

Great Sellet, a somewhat remarkable hill, rises in the northern part of the township of Whittington to a height of 394 feet and on its eastern and western sides is of a steep slope, whilst the south end descends more gently into the plain; the north-western end, after a slight dip, joins the high ground towards the Kirkby Lonsdale boundary. On the north-west side is situated that ancient building Sellet Hall, the home through very many generations of the family of Baynes of Sellet.

The earliest information we have regarding this family is that contained in the *Cockersand Abbey Chartulary*, in charter No. 9 of Whittington, wherein the land of William Banes is mentioned, in a description of a boundary, the date being given as 1250-68¹; the land mentioned lies between Great Sellet and the boundary of Kirkby Lonsdale. This William Banes was probably the man who gave half a mark for leave to concord with the abbot of Cockersand in a plea of land in 30-31 Henry III [1246].²

¹ Farrer, *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.), 945.

² Parker, *Lancs. Assize Rolls* (Record Soc.), i, 39.

To No. 11 charter there is a note, which the editor of the chartulary says was added somewhat later than 1268, which informs us

“ that William Banes holds by inheritance one oxgang of land in Lathebote with other parcels in the same charter (No. 6) contained and three acres in Bleaze and all the land which Paulin de Lathebote gave to the canons (No. 8) rendering yearly two shillings and one mark at his decease and as much at his heirs decease.” “ Roger Banes holds the land of Sellet which Adam son of Vivian released to them [i.e. to the canons], rendering yearly twelve pence, at his decease two shillings and as much at his heir’s decease. [S.D. 1268.] ” ¹

From this it may be assumed that Roger Banes was the son and heir of the first-mentioned William, who had land at Sellet, whilst the second-named William Banes may have been a younger son who obtained the lands named in Nos. 6 and 8 charters, all of which were situate in the manor of Lathebote, which was held in demesne by the baron of Kendal.

Thus two families of Baynes appear in this township early in the thirteenth century and two are still found there in the early years of the seventeenth century, viz. one at Sellet Hall and one in the village of Whittington, the latter still holding their lands in what was Lathebote, but which had, by that date, changed its name to Garneygarth.

Regarding these two families, various notices of individuals are scattered in the mediæval records, but it is impossible to say definitely to which family they belong ; yet in the following suit we probably have a mention of the before-named Roger Baynes and his two sons, viz. 24 May 1277 *Novel Disseisin : Adam de Fraxino v. Roger Bayns, William Bayns, Richard Bayns, John son of Richard de Burgh, John son of John de Burgh, Adam Faytwayt, Richard son of Hugh, John de Dington and William Scot re 15 acres of land in Whittington*. The parties came to terms and Roger admitted Adam’s right to the land.²

¹ Farrer, *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.), 948.

² Parker, *Lancs. Assize Rolls* (Record Soc.), i, 143.

Other suits are on record and those who are curious in such matters can find the names and references to them in the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, viii, 248, n. 79. During the mediæval period this family had not attained to any importance, so that it is not until towards the end of the fifteenth century that they have left such records of themselves as to make it possible to compile an account of them.

The first man of this family of whom we have certain record is one John Baynes of Sellet Hall, who with his wife Agnes was a party to a Final Concord on 10 August 1429, by which lands in Cartmel and Heysham were settled on his daughter-in-law Alice, the daughter of John Brockholes of Heaton, who was wife to his son and heir John Baynes.¹

This son and heir John Baynes with his wife Alice succeeded to Sellet Hall and lands and is named, in the *Cockersand Abbey Chartulary* in the rentals of 1451 and 1461, as holding two tenements in Whittington, freely, under a rent of 2s. a year, and also holding a part of the land on Sellet Hill for a rent of 12d.

To the above succeeded another John Baynes, son and heir, married to Alice daughter of Thomas Tunstall of Thurland Castle (*vide* Dalton's *Visitation of the North in 1558*); there is some doubt as to this marriage as Brian Tunstall in his will in 1513 speaks of his sister Alice as wife to Richard Huddleston of West Hall. This John Baynes also appears in the Cocker-sand Abbey rental in the years 1501 and 1537 as holding the two tenements at 2s. a year and 4 acres of land at 12d., evidently the same land as held by his father.

Other Baynes names occur in these rentals; but they probably refer to the minor Baynes family living in Whittington village, whose principal holding was a bovaté of land in Lathebote.

John Baynes had, by his wife Alice Tunstall, at least three sons, viz. :

¹ Farrer, *Final Concords* (Record Soc.), iii, 94-5.

- (i) John, his son and heir, of whom later.
- (ii) Richard, who is named in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 as possessing goods worth 60s., on which he paid 6*d*. He is also named in the will of his nephew Robert Baynes in 1588.
- (iii) Francis, is also named in the last mentioned will of 1588.

John Baynes, the son and heir, married Jane Brabin of Docker (who was buried at Whittington on 17 March 1596-7) ; in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 he appears as having goods worth £16, on which he paid 10s. 8*d*. He was buried at Whittington on 30 May 1563. His will is dated 9 May 1563 (now in Richmond Wills at Somerset House, but badly mutilated), wherein he names two sons, Richard and William, and refers to daughters unnamed. Yet from other sources we are able to record the names of his somewhat numerous family, viz. :

- 1. Robert Baynes, son and heir, of whom later.
- 2. Richard Baynes, named in his father's will. Died unmarried and was buried at Whittington on 22 July 1598. His will dated 1 August 1597 was proved in the Lonsdale deanery on 14 December 1598 by his niece Fresula [Frediswide] Hutton, his sole executrix.
- 3. William Baynes, of Middleton in the parish of St. Andrew's, Auckland, co. Durham. Named in his father's will in 1563. He made his own will on 14 November 1584 ; proved at Durham on 23 January 1584-5. He names a wife Alice and the following children, viz. :
 - (a) A son dead before 1584.
 - (b) Robert Baynes.
 - (c) Grace Baynes.
 - (d) Elizabeth Baynes, who was married to Henry Downes of Escombe, co. Durham, yeoman, whose will is dated 25 November 1584 and proved at Durham on 6 March 1584-5 ; he died *s.p.*

- (e) Agnes Baynes, who became the second wife of Richard Middleton, by whom she was the mother of two daughters, Mary and Alice Middleton.¹
4. Myles Baynes, baptized at Whittington on 8 May 1539.
 5. Dorothy Baynes, baptized at Whittington on 10 November 1540; she was married twice, firstly to John Houseman, at Whittington on 30 November 1565, by whom she had a son Leonard Houseman, who is named in the will of his uncle Richard Baynes in 1597. She married, secondly, Thomas Waller, who is named in the same will in 1597 as the "husband of my sister Dorothy."
 6. Alice Baynes, married to Henry Brabin of Docker; she is named in the will of Richard Baynes in 1597 as "my sister Alice Mr. Brabin's wife." She was buried at Whittington on 8 September 1618—for issue, see Brabin of Docker.
 7. A daughter who married one Sharpe and had issue Fresula Sharpe, who was married at Whittington on 14 August 1586 to Symond Hutton of Tranleside [? Tearnside]; she was appointed executrix of the will of her uncle Richard Baynes in 1597 and had issue five children, of whom the eldest Thomas Hutton is named in the will.
 8. Grace Baynes, named in the will of her brother Robert Baynes in 1588 as married to Gerret Gellson.
 9. Elizabeth Baynes, buried at Whittington on 20 June 1549 as daughter of John Baynes.
 10. A daughter married to one Stockdale by whom she had a son George Stockdale, who is named as a supervisor of the will of Richard Baynes in 1597, and called "my nephew."

The above-named Robert Baynes, eldest son, was of Sellet

¹ Surtees Soc., *Durham Wills and Inv.*, ii, 106 and 106n.

Hall; he married Ellen daughter of William Redmayne of Ireby by whom he had two children. He was buried at Whittington on 7 June 1588, having made his will on 2 June 1588, proved on the 17th of the same month. In it he names his wife, son, daughter, mother and uncles Richard and Francis. An inquisition *post mortem* was held on 27 September, 1603, when the jurors found that he had held his lands in Whittington of Lord Mouteagle by knight service and a rent of 15s., and that John Baynes was his son and heir aged 16 years 2 months and 13 days old, also that his widow Ellen had remarried one Samuel Lambert.¹ His children were:

- (i) Anne Baynes, who was married at Whittington on 15 December 1611 to Leonard Newton of Whittington.
- (ii) John Baynes, born on the 14th and baptized at Whittington on 20 July 1587. His marriage has, so far, not been found. Of his history little appears beyond the fact that as a recusant he compounded in 1630 by a fine of £10 a year for the two-thirds of his estate liable to sequestration on account of his recusancy. On 22 June 1637, he with his son and heir Robert executed a deed of feoffment to George Preston of Holker.² His family, so far as ascertained, consisted of two sons, viz.:
 - (a) Robert Baynes, son and heir, of whom later.
 - (b) William Baynes of Sellet, colonel of horse to King Charles I. He was slain at the battle of Malpas in Cheshire in August 1644, and his lands were sold by Act of Parliament in 1652. He appears to have married Margaret Sykes, by whom he had two sons, viz.:
 - (1) John Baynes, a colonel of horse who was taken prisoner on Warton Sands by Colonel Dodding of the parliamentary

¹ Rylands, *Lancs. Inq., Stuart Period* (Record Soc.), i, 6.

Note.—Samuel Lambert was a cadet of the Lamberts of Calton, near Skipton.

² Sellet Hall Deeds.

forces. While a prisoner in Newgate, on 14 June 1652, he wrote to Colonel Moore of Liverpool (see Moore MSS.). He went to Rome to the English College in 1659 when he was aged 30 years. There he was ordained a priest and was sent to England in 1666.

- (2) Francis Baynes, a lieutenant-colonel of horse, taken prisoner with his brother ; imprisoned in Chester Castle and gave evidence at the trial of Sir Timothy Featherstonhaugh on 14 September 1651. Claimed Sellet Hall as heir-at-law *circa* 1660-7.

The above-named Robert Baynes had a wife Elizabeth. He joined his father in the deed of feoffment of 1637 and by himself mortgaged Sellet Hall and some fields, in 1640-1, to Mr. Wilson of Levens and Dallam Tower. His death is not recorded, but appears to have occurred in London, whither the whole family went for reasons unknown, though it may have been in an effort to save his brother William's property and to assist his nephews during their imprisonment. He had an only daughter and heiress Margaret Baynes. His relict Elizabeth married a second husband John Lee (or Leigh), whom she also outlived and she appears, from the Sellet Hall Deeds, to have had legal possession of the estate, which she mortgaged to various moneylenders in London, so that it became ultimately necessary to sell it. Margaret Baynes, the daughter, made a Final Concord with her mother at Lancaster on 29 August 1667, passing her right in the estate to her mother for £300. Elizabeth Lee died about 1696-7, leaving a daughter Mary Lee to whom the equity of redemption passed ; but she surrendered it on 24 February 1697-8, and ultimately the estate was sold by Mrs. Lee's creditors, in 1711, to Mr. John Harrison, whose descendant Miles Harrison, esquire,

Recorder of Kendal, possessed it and died on 16 February 1797, aged 82 years.¹ He left it to his daughters, of whom Miss Elizabeth Harrison was the youngest and the last to survive, as she died on 20 March 1833, aged 84 years ; she by her will, dated 20th April 1813 with a codicil of 4 April 1820 and proved in the Kendal deanery on 15 April 1833, left Sellet Hall and estate to Miss Elizabeth Dyson, daughter of Thomas Dyson of Halifax, co. York, who is described in the will as " my late cousin."

It appears that, during Miss Dyson's tenure of the estate, Sellet Mill was separated from it and sold to a family of the name of Hayhurst of Stainton, near Kendal, millers, probably the same or nearly related to the Hayhursts who were millers at Thurland Mill in Tunstall parish at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The Hayhursts were in possession of Sellet Mill and three fields on 20 March 1834 when John Hayhurst and Hannah his wife sold the property to Thomas Hayhurst ; the latter in 1896 left all his real estate to his nephews John and Gilbert Hayhurst. In 1902 John Hayhurst conveyed his share to his brother Gilbert and in 1910 this mill, with its three fields, was conveyed to Robert Hayhurst and by him sold to the late Mr. Henry Dawson Greene, whose executors retained the three fields but sold the mill to Messrs. W. and J. Pye of Lancaster, millers, in 1924.²

The Sellet Hall estate was retained by Miss Dyson of Kendal until her death on 29 December 1859. Her will dated 9 November 1859 was proved at Carlisle on 12 January 1860 by her nephew and residuary legatee, Mr. Thomas Holme Dyson, to whom this estate was left.

Mr. T. H. Dyson lived at Upwood Mount, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, where he died on 21 June 1866, intestate and unmarried ; his property passed to his two sisters of the half-

¹ *Westmorland Church Notes*, ii, 29.

² Information supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Pye.

blood, viz. Mrs. Elizabeth Hilton (wife of Henry Hilton), and Mrs. Mary Walker (wife of John Walker). The former made her will on 6 April 1881 and died on 10 September 1896, having bequeathed her share of the Sellet estate to her sister, Mrs. Walker, who thus became possessed of the whole. On 19 January 1897 Mrs. Walker made her will, by which she directed her executors to convert her possessions into money. She died at Blackpool on 26 December 1897 and her will was proved on 26 April 1898. In accordance with this will, in November 1898, the Sellet Hall estate was sold by public auction to the present owner, William Smith Paget-Tomlinson, esq., M.D., of The Biggins near Kirkby Lonsdale.¹

The architectural account of Sellet Hall is fully given in the *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, which should be consulted by those who are interested in such matters.

There is a field, just north of the Hall, called Chapel Field, on which there was said to have been a chapel in olden times and that a stone coffin was dug up there. The keystone of an arch was found in a dry stone wall bearing a shield with the Baynes coat of arms, viz. A shinbone in pale crossed by another in fess ; this stone was removed to The Biggins for better preservation.

From about 1667 the Hall had been let to strangers, and among those appears the name of George Carus, who occupied it during the years 1687 to 1690, in which years he had several daughters baptized at Whittington Church. He was son of Thomas Carus of Halton Hall, by his second wife, and was married to Judith, daughter and co-heiress of Daniel Nicholson of Hawkshead Hall. He led a wandering life and appears in many townships. On coming to Kirkby Lonsdale from Middleton-in-Lonsdale, the Overseers of the Poor there wrote to those of Kirkby Lonsdale on 21 April 1707 to say that he had a legal settlement in Middleton and that they would remove him and his family if they became chargeable to the parish.² His wife Judith was buried at Kirkby Lonsdale.

¹ Biggins Deeds.

² Kirkby Lonsdale Vestry Papers.

Another occupier of Sellet Hall was " Mr Henry Wilson who died at Sellet Hall in Lancashire " as the Kirkby Lonsdale Church register says when recording his burial on 4 March 1711-12.

In 1713-14 Mr. John Harrison was living in the Hall, which he had then purchased.

On 15 January 1732-3 the Hall and lands were leased to Samuel Burrow (who had farmed at Docker Park), for six years at a rent of £55 a year, by Mr. John Harrison.

On 30 September 1738 the lease was renewed by Miles Harrison of Lincoln's Inn for twelve years and again in 1744, and in 1762 the farm was advertised to be let ; by 1763 Edward Cumming is mentioned as being at Sellet Hall as farmer and it has continued to be a farmhouse down to the present time.¹

In 1797 Miss Elizabeth Harrison leased the right to search for coal on this estate to Francis Pearson of Kirkby Lonsdale, surgeon, for seven years, at a rent of £30 a year and any damage to the estate to be made good.

In 1801 she granted the same right to Edward Tomlinson of High Biggins in the fields called Scale Bars and Sadler Meadow ; but no workable seam appears to have been discovered.

PARK HOUSE IN WHITTINGTON

Without doubt this house (already referred to on page 34) took its name from the park belonging to the Manor of West Hall ; but how the Huddlestons obtained permission to form a park is not apparent. The Charter Rolls have no licence on record ; yet it may be that the Duke of Lancaster, as the ruler of a Palatinate, gave such licence. All that we now know is that there was once a park and that the woods just west of West Hall still bear the name of Westhall Park. The only charter referring to Whittington is one granting free-warren to John de Hodleston in Millum, Whittington and

¹ Sellet Hall Deeds.

Holme in the year 30 Edward I [1302],¹ which was the year after Alan de Copeland had given the manor to John de Hodleston. This grant of free-warren was probably made in reward for the good service which John de Hodleston had done in the Scotch wars.

This house was parcel of the manor of West Hall, which had become the property of the Carus family of Halton Hall by the marriage of Ann Huddleston with Thomas Carus. It remained Carus property until the year 1688, when on the 1st May Christopher Carus and his son Thomas sold it for a term of 500 years to Richard Stanley, son and heir of Thomas Stanley of Great Eccleston, for £200 with a proviso for redemption.

When Christopher Carus died in 1704 the property was unredeemed, so the unexpired portion of the 500 years term was sold by the Carus family and Richard Stanley to Thomas Backhouse, an attorney of Lancaster, on 29 June, for £370 again with a proviso for redemption on the 2nd February next. This Thomas Backhouse was a younger son of Richard Backhouse of Gressingham, and appears to have dealt largely in real estate, buying and selling many properties, as also did Thomas Benison, a Lancaster attorney whose original home was Hornby, where he ultimately acquired an estate and commenced to build Hornby Hall.

In 1712 Thomas Carus of Halton Hall assigned his estates to trustees to clear up his debts ; these trustees were Alexander Butler of Kirkland, esquire, and William Buckley of Wennington Hall, esquire. On 11 February 1713-14 he and his trustees sold Park House absolutely to John Harrison of Sellet Hall as the nominee of Thomas Backhouse, who mortgaged it in 1714 to Mary Pattenson of Penrith, widow, for £400.

At this time the property consisted of a dwelling-house with barn, &c., and closes called the Flatt, the Dawney Field, the Dawney Brow, the Lime Field, the Holes, the Whinney Field,

¹ *Cal. Chart. Rolls* (Record Com.).

the Tofts and Low Flatt, the Blackdubbs, the two Redcarrs, the Upper Redcar Wood and the Lower Redcar Wood, containing in the whole 60 acres of customary measurement.

In 1718 Backhouse vested it in Trustees for the uses of his will. This will does not appear, and the next we hear of this estate is that an Edward Blackstock of Kendal had the equity of redemption and joined with the Pattensons of Penrith, John Harrison and Anthony Askew, both of Kendal, in a sale, for £650, to Francis Charteris of Hornby Castle on 4 February 1718-19.

How it devolved next is not shown by the deeds, but the next deed states that it had been in the possession of John Sunderland (who owned Whittington Hall, which see *ante*) and was in 1790 in the possession of John Marsden of Wennington Hall, esquire, who on 15 February 1791 sold it for £1,200 to Elizabeth Gathorne, of Kirkby Lonsdale, widow.

From Mrs. Gathorne it went to her son, the Rev. John Gathorne, and was increased by an allotment on Docker Moor containing 4a. 2r. 15p. statute measure. It then passed under his will, dated 1 November 1825 and proved at York on 14 May 1831, to his trustees who, on 19 February 1846, sold it to William Thompson of Underley Hall, esquire, for £4,300 and it became merged in the Underley estate¹; but on 27 February 1879 the late Earl of Bective, of Underley Hall, exchanged it with Lieutenant-Colonel Dawson Cornelius Greene of Whittington Hall for an equivalent amount of lands in Sedbergh and Dent. Thus it was rejoined to the Whittington Hall estate and on the termination of the Greenes' holding passed by purchase to Thomas Howarth, esquire, the present owner of Whittington Hall.

After the death of Richard Huddleston in 1607, this farm appears to have been let to William Maddison, yeoman, who

¹ Underley Deeds.

deposed in the lawsuit *Carus v. Newton* on 6 September 1633, when he is described as of Parkhouse in Whittington, aged 56. How long he remained as the tenant does not appear; but on 24 May 1640 a baptism in the Church Register of "Richard ye sonne of Mr Robinson of ye Parke gent." seems to indicate a change of tenant. After that date no other names in the Church Register show any connection with Park House.

WEST HALL IN WHITTINGTON

West Hall, the most ancient site in Whittington, was inhabited by the de Coupland, Huddleston and Carus families in succession from at least 1250 down to 1732. Of the original building nothing now remains as it appears to have been rebuilt about the latter year as an oblong house with small pinnacles at the four corners, and this structure has been gutted and converted into a large barn; but there is said to be high up on the back wall a shield of arms, showing a chevron between three mullets, which may be the coat of Bruche of Bruch Hall in Pulton-with-Fearnhead.²

A curious piece of information has come to light, in a recently found roll of Income and Expenditure of Hornby Castle, regarding West Hall. On 15 March 1553 Richard Huddleston settled his estate of West Hall, by Fine, on Miles Huddleston [his grandson] and the heirs of his body; in default to remain to William Huddleston, son of the said Richard, and the heirs of his body.³ Miles had a daughter Anne who under the settlement became the heiress of West Hall, and was in ward to William, third Lord Mounteagle.

William Huddleston, her great-uncle, appears to have considered that the property should have come to him as heir male (which it would have done but for the Fine) and proposed

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 9 Chas. I, No. 33.

² Chetham Soc., vol. cx, p. 105.

³ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc., vol. 60, p. 105.

to seize the Hall on the principle that possession was nine points of the law; but Lord Mounteagle, hearing of this project, put a garrison into the Hall with orders to hold it against all comers and the cost of this garrison for 3 days, viz. 8s. 10d., is duly entered in the Roll for January 1581-2.

In 1587 William Huddleston died and in his will left all his claims on West Hall to his son Richard who does not appear to have prosecuted them, as the heiress Anne Huddleston married Thomas Carus of Halton Hall in 1589 and carried West Hall into the Carus family, whilst Richard Huddleston continued as tenant of Park House until his death in 1607.

A new farmhouse has been erected in front of the old building and some stones from earlier premises have been built into the new walls. There is a portion of a stone which bore the Huddleston coat-of-arms and still shows the outer part of a fret in relief.

Another stone bearing the date 1661, when West Hall was in the ownership of the Carus family, has been falsified by

Mr. Thomas Greene by placing the initials

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 under the date.

Directly beneath this stone is another carved with a man's face. In 1661 the Greenes were tenants of the manor of Slyne-with-Hest, and were living in the village of Slyne as well-to-do yeomen and could not possibly have built anything at West Hall; in fact, it was not until the early years of the nineteenth century that the Greene family acquired any holding in Whittington township.

The West Hall manor mill was situated across the road in the fields called (in the tithe map) Mill Field, Mill Cut and Dam Meadow, where a small stream comes down from the north end of West Hall Park; but for how long a time it continued working has not appeared.

A curious thing connected with West Hall is that the garden is lumped in with the Docker *modus* for hay-tithe ; as it is some distance from Docker, one naturally wonders how and why this arrangement was come to ; but no solution of this curious custom presents itself.

CHAPTER V

LOW HALL AND ITS MODERN OWNERS

BOUCH—HUTTON—ANDREWE'S—UTHWATT

LOW HALL, originally the chief house of the manor of Lathebote, had, as before explained, been called Whittington Hall, but had been abandoned as a residence by the Rawlinson family and had been turned into a farmhouse. It has been modernized; the old mullion windows have been removed and replaced by sash-windows.

When we meet with its owner again he turns out to be a grandson of the Rev. Thomas Bouch, Rector of Whittington from 1681 to 1716, who made his will on 6 June 1716 in which he names his daughters Elizabeth Dawson and Jane Hutton, but there is no mention of his son, who probably died young, and he makes his wife Vigesima residuary legatee and executrix. His inventory is given as £213 4s. *od.* (see Appendix).

Now this man, Thomas Bouch, had married Vigesima, daughter of the Rev. Richard Jackson, the previous Rector of Whittington, and on the death of the latter had succeeded to the rectory. He had issue:

- (1) Anthony Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 19 June 1687; died young.
- (2) Elizabeth Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 24 June 1688; she was married on 3 January 1709-10, at Whittington, to William, second son of William Dawson of Halton Gill, Yorks.; on which Thomas Bouch bestowed a messuage and several parcels of land

on this William Dawson as a marriage portion. These, William Dawson sold to Mr. Edward Wilson in 1719.

- (3) Jane Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 5 June 1689, of whom later.
- (4) Mary Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 16 June 1690 ; buried 16 June 1690.
- (5) Thomas Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 3 February 1696 ; buried 12 January 1698-9.
- (6) Mary Bouch, baptized at Whittington on 11 March 1698-9 ; buried 30 March 1699.

The before-named Jane Bouch, baptized on 5 June 1689, was married at Tatham, on 18 October 1715, to Richard Hutton of Torpinsty in Cartmell Fells, co. Lancaster, gentleman. He only survived seven years as his will is dated 9 May 1722 with a codicil of 15 June 1722. It was proved by his widow Jane on 2 August 1722 and on 6 September of the same year she signed a bond to bring up and educate their only child William Hutton. In this will the testator mentions that he owned a close, in Whittington, called Banks, which he left to his wife Jane. In 1739 the widow added a further purchase of land in Whittington.

William Hutton, the son, became a Clerk in Holy Orders and was Rector of Maids Moreton, co. Bucks. He was admitted by the rectory manor, of Whittington, to land on Guilda or Guildhaw (a field east of Low Hall) on 26 November 1770, which indicates that his mother was dead. He changed his name from Hutton to Long after his children were grown up as they remained Huttons. He appears to have retired from his rectory into the town of Buckingham, where he made his will on 23 May 1778, proved in 1780 (P.C.C. Collins, 364). He names his wife Mary and his surviving children, also his real property in several counties, amongst which is his estate of Docker (Hill) Hall in Lancashire, besides other land in Whittington. It would probably be he who purchased the

Docker (Hill) Hall estate when it was put up for auction, on 14 August 1746, at Kirkby Lonsdale.

He had issue :

- (a) Francis Turner Richard Hutton of Queen's College, Oxford ; matriculated on 18 July, 1778, aged 17. Dead before 1815.
- (b) Rev. James Long Hutton of Christchurch, Oxford ; matriculated on 13 December 1782, aged 16 ; B.C.L. in 1789, of whom later.
- (c) Mary Long Hutton, married to the Rev. Richard Dawson, Rector of Bolton-by-Bolland, son of Thomas Dawson of Halton Gill, Yorks. They had issue :
 - (i) Mary Long Dawson.
 - (ii) Jane Constantine Dawson.
 - (iii) Elizabeth Hutton Dawson.
- (d) Elizabeth Hutton, a minor in 1778, married Thomas Gilbert and became the mother of the Right Rev. Ashurst Turner Gilbert, Bishop of Chichester, who is called " my nephew " in the will of the Rev. James Long Long (formerly Hutton).
- (e) Jane Hutton married a Mr. Priestley.

Returning now to the above-named Rev. James Long Hutton of Christchurch, Oxford, we find that he changed his surname after the date of his father's will (viz. 1778) from Hutton to Long and was known as the Rev. James Long Long, Rector of Maids Moreton.

On 12 August 1815 he was admitted by the rectory manor court to the land on Guildhaw as heir-at-law to his father. He also appears to have inherited his brother's half-share in the Docker (Hill) Hall estate. On 30 April 1844 he made his will in which he describes himself as of Buckingham, co. Bucks., and Rector of Maids Moreton ; it was proved on 29 January 1847. He had married Jane daughter of Abraham and Mary Hobbs of Croughton, co. Northants., whom he describes, in a codicil to his will of 5 January 1846, as " labourers," when

he left them an annuity of 10s. a week for their lives. His widow Jane was living in 1844. His issue was :

- (i) Henrietta Hutton.
- (ii) Mary Hutton, married to the Rev. William Andrewes, Clerk in Holy Orders, of whom later.
- (iii) Jane Lucy Hutton, married to Eusebius Andrewes Uthwatt, Clerk in Holy Orders.

By the will of their father his landed property was to be divided equally between his three daughters ; and Mrs. Mary Andrewes and her husband took the Low Hall in Whittington. The Rev. William Andrewes took the additional name of Uthwatt. His wife as a widow made her will on 6 March 1883 ; she died on 26 September 1885 and her will was proved on 26 November 1886. In it she states that her only child was Mary Henrietta Turner Hutton Andrewes Andrewes.

The Low Hall estate consists of 231 acres statutory measure and was sold to Mr. Henry Mackereth the tenant, at whose death it descended to his son Mr. Garnett Mackereth, the present owner.

CHAPTER VI

SOME MINOR FAMILIES—BAYNES—DAWNEY— ADCOCK AND STURGEON—LANEHEAD FARM

BAYNES OF THE HIGH

A LESS important family of Baynes appears to have lived at The High, a house slightly north-west of the church, over the lintel of the front door of which is the Baynes coat-of-arms, viz. a shinbone in pale crossed by another in fess.

In the year 1543 a Reginald Baynes of Whittington had goods worth 20s. on which he paid 2*d.* to the subsidy collected in that year. He was buried at Whittington on 2 May 1578¹ as "Rowland Banes," having made his will on 29 May 1578, proved in the Lonsdale Deanery on 23 July 1578. His tenement was a copyhold of 2s. 4*d.* rent in 1547 and also in 1573.² In his will he desires to be buried in the "Church garth at the end of the steeple." He leaves his "small tenement" to Jane his wife during her widowhood and after her death to the use of his three daughters Hellyn, Dorytye and Ursaylaye, at the discretion of "my brother S^r James Banes, Bryand Newton, Henry Wylson and William Bachouse." He leaves his goods "in lyke maner" to Jane his wife and the same three daughters. His children were:

1. Elizabeth Baynes, baptized 8 July 1540.
2. Alice Baynes, baptized 6 January 1542-3.
3. Ellen Baynes, baptized 2 July 1548.
4. Richard Baynes, baptized 30 April 1552.

¹ There is probably a mistake in the Church Register of May for June.

² See lists of tenants in Chapter II.

5. Dorothy Baynes, baptized 30 April 1552 ; died an infant.
6. Dorothy Baynes, baptized 12 July 1553.
7. Ursula Baynes, baptized 28 October 1557.

His brother Sir James Baynes was, probably, the curate at Whittington Church, as his burial is recorded in the register under date 30 July 1623 as Mr. Baynes.

No further record of this family has appeared, and as the son Richard is not named in his father's will it seems as though the family died out or removed.

THE DAWNEY FAMILY

It will be remembered that in Chapter II mention is made of a Dawney marrying one of the co-heirs of the de Thirnby family, and although there is no record of him having any interest in the Thirnby lands yet there may have been some. The fact that a Dawney family appears in Tudor times rather points in that direction.

Be that as it may, we find that a Thomas Dawney of Whittington was assessed to the Subsidy collected in 1543 as having goods worth 40s. on which he paid 4*d*. His will was proved in the Lonsdale Deanery in 1567, but is so much decayed as to be illegible.

The next two to be mentioned appear, with some certainty, to be his sons, and there is a third one whose paternity is doubtful, viz. :

1. Bryan Dawney of Whittington, of whom later. See A below.
2. John Dawney of Newton, of whom also later. See B below.
3. Thomas Dawney, of whom we only know that he is named in the will of the above John Dawney as the father of :

John Dawney, who was to be brought up by Ann, relict of John Dawney, the testator of 1598 (see Will in Appendix). He appears to have been of

Newton and the church register calls him a thatcher at his burial. He appears to have had two wives : the first (name unknown) was mother to his children ; the second, Elizabeth, had no issue as in her will she leaves her money to strangers. John Dawney, the thatcher, made his will on 20 March 1661-2 and was then of Newton. He was buried on 15 October 1662 and entered in the church register as "thacker." His Inventory (£35) is dated 22 October 1662 and the Bond in £100 was signed the next day. He bequeathed his estate real and personal to his two sons Thomas and John Dawney of Newton. Nothing more has been found relating to this family of Dawney.

A. We now follow the first-named Bryan Dawney and his family, seated at Whittington. He had a wife of the christian name of Alice, who outlived him and may have been a second wife. He made his will on 7 February 1580-1, proved in the Lonsdale Deanery on 7 July 1582, whereby he makes his wife and his son Symond his executors. He was buried at Whittington on 10 February 1580-1 and left the following family, viz. :

1. Elizabeth D., baptized 21 September 1560 ; married on 20 November 1579, at Whittington, to Francis Hirdson and had issue a daughter Ann Hirdson, named in her grandfather's will in 1580-1.
2. Symond D., baptized 28 October 1567 ; of whom later.
3. Ann D., buried 26 April 1575.
4. A daughter buried 3 May 1575.
5. Ann D., named in her father's will before Catherine.
6. Catherine D., baptized 14 November 1575 ; named in her father's will ; married at Whittington, on 19 January 1596-7, to John Johnson.

The above-named Symond Dawney, baptized 28 October

1567, succeeded to his father's holding as a boy of 14 years of age. He appears to have acquired some money, as in his inquisition *post mortem* ¹ (held on 18 March 1623-4) it is stated that he had lately purchased 2 messuages and 24 acres of land in Whittington, 1 messuage and 19 acres of land in Newton and 3 acres of land in Tunstall, the holdings in Whittington and Newton being from the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster, each being $\frac{1}{200}$ of a knight's fee. He made his will on 21 November 1623; Inventory 7 January 1623-4; Bond 29 October 1628 signed by the widow. Why she delayed over four years in proving the will does not appear; but she may have waited until the heir was 18 years of age. Symond Dawney had two wives, both named Alice. By the first one he had a son Bryan Dawney, baptized on 14 September 1602 and buried on 26 October of that year, and this first wife was also buried on 29 December in that year. He then took to wife another Alice who is named in the inquisition *post mortem* as his widow and by her he had the following family, viz. :

- (a) Ann D., baptized 5 October 1604; named in her father's will as married to John Paget.
- (b) Elizabeth D., named in her father's will in 1623.
- (c) Katherine D., baptized 25 March 1610, named in her father's will; married at Whittington on 23 June 1631 to William Adcock.
- (d) Jennet D., baptized 3 August 1613, named in will of 1623.
- (e) Alice D., named in will of 1623.
- (f) Bryan D., baptized 2 February 1621-2. Found son and heir by *I.P.M.* held on 18 March 1623-4. At Whittington church, on 29 April 1643, he married Dorothy Carter. On 20 September 1682, he made his will; Inventory (£113) dated 14 October 1682; Bond 9 November 1682 signed by his daughters Dorothy and

¹ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc. (*Stuart Inq.*), vol. 17, pp. 416-17.

Mary Dawney, who were his residuary legatees and executrixes. He was buried on 19 October 1682 and his wife Dorothy followed him on 30 March 1683.

They left the following family, viz. :

1. Simon D., baptized 21 October 1643, of whom later.
2. Alice D., baptized 19 November 1649; buried 19 May 1669.
3. Jane D., baptized 21 May 1654, married by licence at Whittington church on 8 September 1677 to Bryan Johnson and had issue.
4. Bryan D., baptized 29 July 1655; buried 14 February 1655-6.
5. Isaac D., baptized 28 June 1657; buried 6 July 1657.
6. Dorothy D., baptized 19 September 1658; executrix to her father in 1682.
7. Mary D., baptized 19 May 1661; executrix to her father in 1682.
8. Ann D., buried on 30 May 1665.
9. John D., buried on 6 June 1667.

The above-named Simon Dawney, baptized 21 October 1643, appears to have wasted the family possessions as he died heavily in debt. At Ingleton on 19 November 1667 he married Elizabeth Gibson of Twisleton. He died intestate and was buried on 19 October 1689; administration of his goods was given to Bryan Johnson (? his brother-in-law) as the principal creditor. He left the following children, viz. :

- (i) Dorothy D., baptized 18 October 1668, named in her grandfather's will in 1682; married Thomas Foxcroft of the Hill in Ingleton, marriage license dated 5 May 1687.
- (ii) Bryan D., baptized 12 February 1670-1, named in will of 1682.
- (iii) Thomas D., baptized at Ingleton on 18 July 1675.
- (iv) Elizabeth D., baptized 18 June 1682, named in her grandfather's will in 1682.

After this date the Dawneys of Whittington disappear and we must now trace those of Newton, whose ancestor was :

B. John Dawney of Newton in the parish of Whittington. His name does not appear in the Subsidy Roll of 1543, so he was probably under age in that year. He had two wives ; the name of the second one was Ann. He was buried on 5 June 1598 after having made his will on 21 May 1598, in which he desired to be buried " nigh unto my Dame " (see Appendix) ; Inventory (£100) dated 8 June 1598 ; Bond in £200 signed on 17 June 1598. He left the following children, viz. :

1. Thomas Dawney of Newton, called eldest son in his father's will, of whom later.
2. Richard Dawney of Newton, named as second son in his father's will ; he married, at Whittington church on 23 January 1602-3, Jane Heaton of Whittington ; he was buried on 26 April 1658 having had the following family, viz. :
 - (a) John D., baptized 3 January 1604-5 ; died young.
 - (b) Thomas D., baptized 29 December 1605.
 - (c) Anne D., baptized 24 March 1608-9 ; buried 6 August 1639.
 - (d) Elizabeth D., baptized 16 January 1610-11 ; buried 29 April 1610 [*sic*].
 - (e) Ellen D., baptized 11 February 1611-12 ; married at Whittington church on 17 November 1632 to John Lonsdale.
 - (f) John D., baptized 29 September 1614 ; buried 6 March 1614-15.
 - (g) William D., baptized 27 January 1615-16 ; buried 21 March 1635-6.
 - (h) Robert D., baptized 20 February 1630-1 ; buried 28 April 1636.
3. Jennet Dawney, baptized 20 November 1581 ; named in her father's will in 1598 ; married at Whittington church, on 1 February 1606-7, to James Harries.

4. Bryan Dawney, baptism 27 May 1586; named in his father's will; buried 1 November 1637 as of Newton.
5. Robert Dawney, buried 19 September 1595.

Returning now to Thomas Dawney of Newton, called eldest son in his father's will in 1598, we find that he had a wife called Ellen; that he died intestate and was buried on 1 September 1623. His Inventory amounted to £34 1s. 4*d.* and his widow Ellen had livestock and fuel worth £2 17s. 0*d.* Peter Cowper of Kendal was the administrator of the estate and claimed £16 on a bond to Rowland Godshalf of Newton and another £16 on a bond due to Janet Atkinson of Whittington; so there was nothing left for the children beyond the tenement. The widow Ellen was buried on 23 December 1637, leaving issue:

- (i) Anne D., baptized 2 April 1601; married at Tunstall church on 29 July 1622, to Bryan Bland of Newton.
- (ii) John D., baptized 28 September 1604, of whom later.
- (iii) Jane D., baptized 9 September 1608.
- (iv) Bryan D., baptized 1 January 1612-13.

The above-named John Dawney, baptized 28 September 1604, was a married man and was buried on 31 March 1684, having had issue, viz.:

- (a) Isabel D., buried 23 May 1636.
- (b) John D., baptized 9 April 1637; he was of the Yeat in Newton. He also was married and had issue, viz.:
 1. Jane D., baptized 29 July 1655; buried 5 July 1658.
 2. Richard D., baptized 13 January 1657-8; buried 5 December 1661.
 3. Thomas D., baptized 13 January 1657-8; buried 28 May 1658.
 4. Jane D., baptized 20 January 1660-1.
 5. Richard D., baptized 27 March 1664.
 6. Thomas D., baptized 23 June 1667; buried 22 February 1668-9.

Nothing further regarding these Dawneys has appeared.

THE ADCOCKS

Another well-to-do family of tenants of the manor was that named Adcock. We hear of them first in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 in which an Alexander Adcock had goods worth 40s. and paid 4*d.*, also a Richard Adcock had 20s. worth of goods and paid 2*d.* Then in 1558 a John Adcock brought a Chancery suit ¹ against one Peter Hynde (called *Hine* in the Church register), alleging that Richard Adcock had married an Elizabeth Wylson, heiress to a tenant-right messuage and lands; that Richard had an only child, by Elizabeth, called Johanna, and that Richard and Johanna had both died, after which the widow married Peter Hynde, who took possession of the tenement in right of his new wife.

John Adcock claimed the tenement as cousin and heir to Richard Adcock. Depositions were ordered to be taken by commissioners, viz.: Francis Tunstall, John Myddleton, George Myddleton, esquires, and Richard Northe, gentleman, on 26 June, 4 & 5 Philip and Mary [1558]. The witnesses were heard at Kirkby Lonsdale on 4 October and they all agreed that the property belonged to Elizabeth and should go with her to her new husband.

This family continued in Whittington until recent times; but it is only interesting in that it produced the mother (Betty Adcock) of William Sturgeon the celebrated electrician.

WILLIAM STURGEON,

THE ELECTRICIAN, 1783-1850 ²

(See *Frontispiece*)

On 13 January 1783 a John Sturgeon, a shoemaker from the neighbourhood of Dumfries in Scotland, was married, at Whittington Church, to Betsy Adcock, the daughter of a small shopkeeper in the village. The fruit of this marriage was

¹ P.R.O. Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 3/74/A.3.

² *Dict. Nat. Biog.*; *The Electrician* newspaper of 13 Sept. 1895.

William Sturgeon, born on 22 May and baptized on 8 June 1783.

In addition to his respectable trade, the father was also a skilful poacher of game and salmon, in which nefarious pursuits young William, as he grew up, had to take part.

The boy, it is presumed, attended the village school where he would learn the rudiments of education, reading, writing and arithmetic ; his subsequent career shows that he must have made good use of that teaching.

At 13 years of age he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, at Old Hutton near Kirkby Lonsdale, who was a hard master and ill-treated him ; but in spite of ill usage at this period he taught himself something of music and repairing watches and clocks.

On the expiry of his apprenticeship at the age of 19, seeing no prospect before him, he enlisted in the Westmorland Militia and in 1804 he transferred to the 2nd battalion of the Royal Artillery as a gunner. In this rank he served, never rising to a higher grade, until 1 October 1820, when he was discharged on a pension of one shilling a day. Yet during this period he had improved his knowledge by study ; teaching himself mathematics, Latin and Greek (sufficient to understand technical terms) as well as German, French and Italian, which he read with facility. He also made models for electric experiments.

Soon after entering the Royal Artillery he had married a widow, a Mrs. Hutton, who had a shoeshop in Woolwich. They had three children, who all died as infants.

On leaving the army, he resumed his old trade of shoemaking at No. 8 Artillery Place, Woolwich ; here he taught himself turning and lithography and began to lecture to schools on magnetism and electricity ; he also taught in officers' families and commenced to contribute to the scientific press.

In 1822 he took a prominent part in founding the Woolwich Literary Society. In 1823 he made his first original contri-

bution to science by a modified form of Ampère's roasting cylinders. In 1824 he was appointed Lecturer in Science and Philosophy at the H.E.I.C.'s Military College at Addiscombe. In 1825 he made a set of improved apparatus for electromagnetic experiments, and in 1832 he was appointed lecturer at the Adelaide Gallery of Practical Science. By 1836 he established a monthly periodical, *The Annals of Electricity*.

In the year 1840 he was invited to Manchester as superintendent of the Royal Victoria Gallery of Practical Science, which however came to an end in 1844 owing to want of support.

He was now 61 years of age and in great poverty and ill health ; but he, undauntedly, again took to lecturing and did literary work.

In September 1846 he removed to Biggins, near Kirkby Lonsdale, in the hope that his native air might ease the bronchial attack he was then suffering from. Here, in conjunction with the Rev. J. H. Fisher, M.A., Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, he conducted experiments in electricity. In 1847 he gave a course of four lectures, at Kirkby Lonsdale, on Electricity and Optics.

Eventually he returned to Prestwich, Manchester, where he died on 4 December 1850 and was interred in Prestwich churchyard. His grave is marked by a stone bearing the following inscription :—

WILLIAM STURGEON,

The Electrician

Born 1783, died 1850, aged 67.

Also

MARY STURGEON

Died October 2, 1867, aged 77.

ELLEN, wife of Luke Brierley,

Died January 19, 1884, aged 51.

In explanation of this inscription, Sturgeon made a second marriage, in 1829, with Mary Bromley of Shrewsbury, by

whom he had one daughter who died young. Then he adopted his niece, Ellen Coates, who was the Ellen referred to in the inscription.

Beyond this tombstone, the only tablet erected to his memory is that one, in the church of Kirkby Lonsdale, put up by the Rev. J. H. Fisher, who admired his genius and assisted in his experiments. In it he states that Sturgeon "successfully devoted himself to the study of the physical sciences with powers of originality and industry rarely equalled ; besides contributing numerous works to the scientific literature of his country, he was the discoverer of the soft-iron electro-magnet, the amalgamated zinc battery, the electro-magnetic coil machine ; and the reciprocating magnetic electrical machine ; inventions of the highest value and which along with many others he freely gave to the world. His name will be perpetuated as long as the science he cherished continues to exist."

Yet in the parish which saw his birth he has been "unhonoured and unsung."

LANEHEAD FARM

This is a small freehold farm situate between Newton Yeat and the river Lune. It appears to have belonged to a family called Corner and in the year 1700 was owned by one Margaret, daughter of John Corner. This Margaret was married at Kirkby Lonsdale church, on 15 October 1700, to Francis Chippindale, eldest surviving son of Robert Chippindale of Bolton-le-Sands.

After the marriage Francis Chippindale lived at Lanehead ; his children were mostly baptized at Whittington church and he was buried there on 27 October 1739 ; but before his death he and his wife executed a deed, dated 31 August 1739, by which, for £70, they sold to their second son John Chippindale, Lanehead farm with 2 acres, 3 roods of land and a dale called Fleemings dale of half an acre. The £70 was to be distributed

to the younger children. This "sale" was probably only a mortgage as the estate passed under the will of the mother in 1742 to her third son Francis.

Margaret Chippindale made her will on 10 November 1742, leaving her house at Newton [Lanehead] and her land there to her third son, Francis Chippindale, who was also her executor and proved the will on 10 February 1743-4.

This Francis Chippindale, baptized at Whittington on 24 October 1714, lived at Lanehead and practised the trade of a carpenter.

Though he had two wives he had no issue ; so making his will on 18 July 1776 he left his land to his widow for life and then to Robert son of Robert Chippindale of Lancaster. His will was proved by his widow on 17 October 1782.

Ultimately we find that this farm came into the possession of Ellen Chippindale, spinster (sister to the last-named Francis), who by her will dated 8 December 1782, proved on 18 January 1783, left her land to her nephew, Thomas Harris of Borwick.

This farm is now part of the Newton Hall estate whose owner, very kindly, showed me the above-quoted deeds.

CHAPTER VII

NEWTON WITH DOCKER TOWNSHIP

NEWTON

THOUGH the manor of Newton with Docker was held by the Tunstalls of Thurland Castle there were some freeholders whose lands, though small, were sold at various times ; instances of which are here recorded :

At Lancaster on Monday in the fifth week in Lent, 2 Elizabeth [1560], Francis Tunstall bought, by Fine, some land in Docker from Thomas Newton.¹

In 32 Elizabeth [1590] William Crofte, esquire, and Jane his wife and Edward Crofte, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, sold some land in Whittington, Newton and Docker to Thomas Preston, esquire, and Richard Asheton, gent. (This was part of a settlement and the purchasers were probably only trustees for the Croftes.)²

In the same year Thomas Newton sold land in Docker to Robert Byndlose, esquire.³

On 18 July, 39 Elizabeth [1597], Francis Tunstall sold to Christopher Byndlosse, esquire, 2 messuages, 12 cottages, 1 water-mill, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor, 100 acres of turbary, 200 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all cattle in Argholme, Storres, Newton and Docker.⁴

¹ Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 2 Eliz., Bdle. 22, m. 129 [Farrer MSS.].

² *Ibid.*, 32 Eliz., Bdle. 52, m. 169 [Farrer MSS.].

³ *Ibid.*, m. 212 [Farrer MSS.].

⁴ *Ibid.*, 39 Eliz., Bdle. 58, m. 85 [Farrer MSS.].

On 12 September, 40 Elizabeth [1598], Francis Tunstall sold 5 messuages, 1 cottage and various amounts of land to Thomas Hoteson, gent., John Knyghte, Reginald Godsawe, Richard Godsawe and Jane Smythe, widow, in Newton and Tunstall.¹

On the same date Francis Tunstall sold to John Dawney, Brian Dicconson, James Backhouse, James Heaton and Thomas Godsawe various small holdings in Newton and Tunstall.²

On the same date Francis Tunstall sold to John North, gentleman, William Heaton, Thomas Heaton and Thomas Kaisbie, 5 messuages, 1 cottage, 2 tofts, 6 gardens, 40 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 50 acres of moor, 10 acres of turbary and common of pasture for all cattle in Newton and Tunstall.³

On the same date Francis Tunstall sold to Richard Hall, William Sclater, Thomas Blande and Thomas Whitehead, 4 messuages, 1 cottage, 1 toft, 5 gardens, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 50 acres of moor, 10 acres of turbary and common of pasture for all cattle in Newton and Tunstall.⁴

Finally, on Monday after the feast of the Assumption, 3 James I [19 Aug. 1605], Francis Tunstall and Elizabeth his wife sold Thurland castle and manor and the rest of their landed property to George Pudsey and Robert Heysham, nominees of Nicholas Girlington. In this sale was included £4 of rent in various places, amongst which Newton and Docker are included.⁵

Thus the old connection, lasting 500 years, of the Tunstalls with Newton and Docker came to an end.

In the before-recited Fines we have record of eighteen small tenants purchasing their tenements and becoming freeholders ;

¹ Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 40 Eliz., Bdle. 60, m. 26 [Farrer MSS.].

² *Ibid.*, m. 34 [Farrer MSS.].

³ *Ibid.*, m. 80 [Farrer MSS.].

⁴ *Ibid.*, m. 88 [Farrer MSS.].

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3 James I, Bdle. 68, No. 42.

and it is possible that the Byndlosses also sold to tenants what land they had bought in this township.

A deed which has come to notice is a sale of a close called Yarlside in Newton, of 6 acres, by Thomas Oslay, "bachler," and Thomas Oslay, "widdower," his father, both of "Nether Yellon in Warton," yeomen, to William Turner of Archolme in Melling, yeoman, dated 31 January, 28 Charles II [1676-7]. The correct name of the vendors was Oslife, a corruption of Oxcliff; they were yeomen seated in Yealand Redmayne and Yealand Storrs and their name occurs frequently in the Warton Church Registers. The land sold is described as "adjoining on the east end to a close of Peter Barker's of Archolme, on the west end to Newton More, on the north side to a close belonging to the heir of William Longdall, and on the south side to a close of Robert Cort and William Turner." Seisin was given on the same day.¹ This was probably the land on which Thomas Oxcliffe paid 8s. to the Lay Subsidy of 16 Charles I [1640-1].²

Between 1700 and 1734 Richard North of Newton purchased, in several lots, about £155 of land in Newton. In 1734 he conveyed his estates to his son Oliver North. He is called "yeoman" in all these deeds.

From 1702 to 1747 Thomas North of Newton purchased various lands in Newton, he also became entitled to other lands in Newton as husband of Ellin, daughter of the before-named William Lonsdale. His son, the Rev. William North of Langford, in Essex, inherited this property under his father's will dated 21 April 1747; he made his own will on 28 August 1766, by which he left his estate to his sister Mary North for her life, after which it was to be sold. The Rev. William North's heir-at-law was his nephew Thomas Cox North of Caermarthen, son of his brother Thomas North of St. Olaves, Southwark, brewer.

¹ Deed in Manchester Public Library.

² P.R.O., *Lay Subsidies*, 132/337 (see Appendix).

In 1773 Miles North purchased an estate in Newton from Giles Moore of Overtown in Tunstall parish.

In February 1779 Miles North of Whittington, esquire, purchased all the estate of the Rev. William North which has descended with the other properties to the present owner, Edward Tempest Tunstall North.

Robert Jackson, nephew to the Rev. Leonard Jackson, Rector of Tatham, received at his uncle's death in 1726, the large estates of the Jackson family of Whittington and Kirkby Lonsdale ; to these he added a purchase of lands in Newton for £1,000. He dying unmarried and intestate, his property devolved on his two sisters Jane and Abigail. Jane also died unmarried and intestate and her share passed to her sister Abigail, who was married twice, viz. first to William Buckley of Wennington Hall, and secondly to Sir Oliver Crofton, an Irish baronet. She had no issue by either husband and died in 1763, when Richard North of Newton took her estate as cousin and heir-at-law ; he gave it to his grandson, Miles North of Whittington and Kirkby Lonsdale, who thus became the owner of large estates, both in England and Ireland, and was able to describe himself as an esquire.

Newton was once sufficiently populous to require a chapel of ease which was called the Hermitage of Newton ; it is reported that it also boasted of a holy well, but there is no record of this beyond rumour and it is now called Chapel Spring. Traces of the chapel foundations are to be seen near Chapel Farm.

The original Newton Hall, inhabited by the Newtons of Newton, has long since been demolished and the existing hall is a comparatively modern structure much enlarged by the late Mr. North North when he sold Thurland Castle and went to live at Newton Hall.

About one-third of the area of Newton was moor and waste until the Enclosure Act early in the nineteenth century. When the tithe map was made in 1838 the two largest land-



FIG. 7
WOOD-CARVING FOUND
AT DOCKER



FIG. 8
LINTEL OF THE SKIRROWS' HOUSE AT DOCKER



owners in Newton with Docker were Richard Toulmin North, esquire, and the Rev. James Long Long ; the latter being the owner of Docker (Hill) Hall, which his father the Rev. William Hutton (afterwards Long) had purchased at its sale at Kirkby Lonsdale on 14 August 1746. For an account of the Hutton Long family, see the account of Low Hall.

DOCKER

In Docker, from very early times, the Myres family (originally del Myre of Arkholme) had a residence and owned property there, finally building a house on the hillside called Docker Hill (now corrupted into Docker Hall) which they sold to Henry Brabin, a notary public.

This Henry Brabin lived at first in a house in Docker called le Hirste and, becoming wealthy, purchased Docker (Hill) Hall and its lands and later on Whittington Hall (now called Low Hall) and its lands.

The North family of gentlemen owned the old or lower Docker Hall situated on the main road going through the hamlet and held it with its lands until they died out towards the end of the seventeenth or beginning of the eighteenth century. They were a Roman Catholic family. Afterwards it came into the hands of the yeoman family of North which had existed parallel with the other North family as tenants on the North property at Docker and were all Protestants (see the history of these families, p. 125). Early in the nineteenth century this property was sold to Mr. Joseph Gibson of Welprigg in Westmorland, whose descendant still owns it.

In a detached barn, close to this Hall, a piece of fifteenth-century oak carving was found in 1909 :

The *Victoria County History of Lancashire* describes it thus :

“ The carving is very spirited and full of character, the upper part containing part of a crocketed canopy, in the spandrel of which are two small figures in armour, one full and the other half length. The lower part is carved with a large heraldic lion as a supporter, but the fore paw is gone. The carving is now in two pieces, having been

broken across the middle, but when put together is 5 ft. 5 in. in length, 12 in. wide and 2 in. thick. The lion is 2 ft. 4 in. high, and the full length human figure 9 in."

In 1910 it was in the possession of the tenant of Docker Hall Farm ; but he has sold it to some unknown purchaser and thus another antiquity has been removed from its proper resting place (see Fig. 7).

There is an old seventeenth-century house in Docker which belonged to Richard and Anne Skirrow (see Fig. 8) ; the Skirrow family had its chief seat at Wray, a village near Hornby, and this Richard was probably a member of that family.

Another seventeenth-century house is Dockergarth ; but to whom it belonged originally has not been established (see Fig. 9).

At one period Docker had a small pottery and many broken pieces have been dug up in a field near the Hall ; it was probably at work during the seventeenth century. Iron-smelting was carried on here in the early years of the eighteenth century, as Mr. William Machell of Lancaster, ironmonger, obtained leave from Mr. Thomas Carus, Lord of the Manor, in 1706, to impound the water, in Whittington Moss, for working a forge (i.e. a furnace).

A flax mill was also one of the industries of Docker.¹

KEERSIDE ESTATE

On the enclosure of Docker Moor, Mr. William Harrison North, on 26 March 1814, bought from the Commissioners at public auction at the Rose and Crown public-house in Kirkby Lonsdale some 67 acres of land which became known as the Keerside estate. Mr. North died on 26 December 1816 and his executors sold the property to Thomas Rawsthorne of Heysham Hall in 1826, who in turn sold it to Alderman William Thompson of Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, in 1847 ; since which time it has formed a part of the Underley estate.

¹ Cumberland and Westmorland A. & A. Soc. *Transactions*, N.S. xi, 385-7.



FIG. 9
LINTEL OF UNIDENTIFIED FAMILY
AT DOCKER



FIG. 10
A WOOD-CARVING IN THE MANOR HOUSE



CHAPTER VIII

NEWTON OF NEWTON

AS early as 1334 a William de Newton was Rector of Whittington ; he is named again in 1357, and in 1394 John de Newton, executor of the will of William de Newton, was called upon to account for the issues of certain lands.¹

On 25 September 1354 this John de Newton brought a suit of *novel disseisin* against several defendants touching his free tenement in Newton-in-Lonsdale ; but he did not prosecute, so was non-suited. His pledges were William Banes and Robert de Newton.²

That this family had its origin in the township of Newton in the parish of Whittington is shown by the above action ; and it is highly probable that they were the original owners of the old Newton Hall, which was on a different site from the existing Hall. That they had abandoned it, early in the Tudor period, is clear, as they then appear as tenants of the capital messuage or mansion house of the manor of Lathebote (or Garney Garth) in Whittington township, which they held under Francis Tunstall of Thurland Castle, who in turn held it under the Crown.

An early name connected with this family is that of Richard Newton, senior, who was one of the feoffees of a settlement made, by William Tunstall of Thurland Castle, on 26 November, 9 Henry VII [1493].³ He was evidently an elderly man as

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 251, n. 130.

² *Duchy of Lancs., Assize Roll 3, m. 1* [Farrer MSS.].

³ *P.R.O., Chancery I.P.M.*, series 2, vol. 14, No. 96.

he is called "senior," and was probably the father of the Thomas Newton de Newton buried at Whittington on 17 November 1549.

This Thomas Newton is named in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 as having goods of only 40s. in value on which he paid 4*d*. The low value of his goods compared with those of his son in the same subsidy is peculiar, and suggests the thought that he had been extravagant. He left a wife Agnes, who was buried at Whittington on 19 June 1555.

The above-named couple appear to have had a son Richard Newton de Newton. He is named in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 as having goods to the value of £24 upon which he paid 16s.

In 1 Edward VI [1547] Thomas Asshawe and Richard Newton gave the King £6 for licence to concord with George Redmayne and Margaret his wife for the manor of Borwick.¹ In the following year, 1548, this concord was concluded and the manor was settled on George Redmayne and Margaret Redmayne for their lives and the longest liver of them, and then on Thomas Redmayne and the heirs of his body, which failing then on Marmaduke Redmayne and the heirs of his body, which failing then on the right heirs of Margaret Redmayne. Evidently this was a family arrangement as Richard Newton's wife was sister to Margaret Redmayne.² (See later for an account of this relationship.)

Richard Newton lived at Lathebote (or Garney Garth) Hall, now called Low Hall, in Whittington, as tenant to Francis Tunstall at a rent of £4 17s. 3*d*. His will is dated 12 August 1554³; proved 25 November 1557; in it he names his three sons and his wife Elizabeth, who was buried at Whittington on 7 May 1558. He was buried at Whittington on 16 November 1557. His issue was:

¹ Pal. Lancs., *Plea Roll* 184, m. 1 [Farrer MSS.].

² Lancs. and Ches. Record Soc., vol. 60, p. 58.

³ Chetham Soc., N.S. 28, p. 127.

1. Thomas Newton of Whittington, gentleman, who succeeded his father as tenant of Garney Garth House, of whom later.
2. Marmaduke Newton, named in his father's will in 1554. He became an usher to the Earl of Derby and on the death of the latter, in 1572, received an annuity of £6 13s. 4d. under the earl's will.¹ Returning to Whittington, he survived until the year 1600, being buried on 26 December of that year. In some law proceedings, in the depositions made on 6 September 1633, he is mentioned as having been usher to Lord Derby and as uncle to John Newton the parson of Whittington.²
3. Richard Newton, named in his father's will of 1554; of whom nothing more has been found.

The above-named Thomas Newton succeeded his father in the tenancy of the mansion house of Garney Garth under a reduced rent of £3 19s. 9d. a year.

Francis Tunstall desiring to sell, what he called "the manor" of Garney Garth (but really a socage holding under the Crown), to Henry Brabin of Docker, a fine was raised at Lancaster in Lent term 1585 in which Henry Brabin was plaintiff and Francis Tunstall and Anne his wife and Thomas Newton and Margaret his wife were deforciant. The latter remitted all right to the plaintiff, who gave £80.³ But strange to say, on 24 August, 32 Elizabeth [1590], there is another fine in which Henry Brabin is plaintiff and Thomas Newton deforciant of the "manor" of Garney Garth and various messuages and lands. The deforciant remits all right to the plaintiff and his heirs, who gives £100.⁴

In 1587 Thomas Newton claimed the manor of Borwick from

¹ Chetham Soc., N.S., 75, p. 18.

² Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 9 Chas. I, No. 33.

³ Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 27 Eliz., Bdle. 47, m. 148 [Farrer MSS.].

⁴ *Ibid.*, 32 Eliz., Bdle. 52, m. 24 [Farrer MSS.].

Robert Bindloss, to whom it had been sold by his cousins Thomas and Marmaduke Redmayne on 12 February, 9 Elizabeth [1567].¹ This claim was settled by a Final Concord in 1590, by which Robert Bindloss retained the manor but paid Thomas Newton £600.²

Thomas Newton was buried at Whittington on 26 March 1597. He had two wives: First, one Jennet . . . by whom he had issue:

- (a) John Newton, baptized at Whittington on 15 January 1552-3, of whom later.
- (b) Ellen Newton, buried at Whittington on 23 December 1565.
- (c) William Newton, baptized at Whittington on 28 April 1556 and buried there on 3 April 1594.

This wife Jennet was buried at Whittington on 24 March 1557-8.

His second wife was Margaret . . . and by her he had a

- (d) daughter named Ann Newton, baptized at Whittington on 4 March 1568-9, who married William Brabin of Docker (Hill) Hall—see Brabin pedigree.

This second wife, Margaret, was buried at Whittington on 24 October 1586.

The above-named John Newton, baptized on 15 January 1552-3, was of Clare College, Cambridge, in 1572; but left without a degree. On 9 July 1576 he became Rector of Whittington on the presentation of Miles Huddleston of Westhall, esquire. Gregson, in his book *Fragments of Lancashire*,³ states that *Mr.* Newton had to provide the same arms as Edward North for the musters in 1574; now when Master was used in those days it generally meant a cleric, but John

¹ Chancery Proceedings, 29 Eliz., B. 18/48.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, Lent, 32 Eliz., Bdle. 52, m. 212 [Farrer MSS.].

³ *Op. cit.*, p. 24.

Newton was not parson until 1576, which appears to make Gregson's date of 1574 erroneous. He married Dorothy Crosbie at Whittington on 7 September 1578. This lady and her son William were the defendants in a lawsuit, *Carus v. Newton* in 1633, regarding a composition for tithes which the Newtons claimed as unpaid.¹

John Newton was buried at Whittington on 11 July 1630. His wife survived him for 18 years and was buried on 26 April 1648. Their children were :

- (i) Jane Newton, married at Whittington on 22 September 1598 to William Maddison, who was living in Park-house in 1633 and was described as a yeoman when he gave evidence in the lawsuit of *Carus v. Newton*. His wife, Jane, was buried at Whittington, on 30 September 1663, when she was recorded as "daughter of John Newton, rector, and late wife of William Maddison."
- (ii) Anne Newton, baptized at Whittington on 14 June 1580.
- (iii) Thomas Newton, baptized at Whittington on 8 March 1583-4.
- (iv) Richard Newton, baptized at Whittington on 1 July 1586 ; of whom later.
- (v) Marmaduke Newton, baptized at Whittington on 16 August 1588 ; some verses called *Atropoion Delion* were published by a nephew, Thomas Newton, and were dedicated to him in 1604.
- (vi) Jennet Newton, baptized at Whittington on 12 October 1590 ; married there, on 2 April 1627, to Thomas Johnson ; buried there on 27 April 1660.
- (vii) John Newton, baptized at Whittington on 24 January 1592-3 ; buried on 3 February 1596-7.
- (viii) Christopher Newton, baptized at Whittington on 20 May 1595.

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 9 Chas. I, No. 33.

- (ix) William Newton, baptized at Whittington on 27 December 1599; he was one of the defendants in the lawsuit *Carus v. Newton* in 1633 (see above). He was probably the curate at Whittington as when buried, on 24 September 1676, he is described as "Mr William Newton clerk and registrar." A William Newton entered Jesus College, Cambridge, as a pensioner at Michaelmas 1614, who may have been this man.

The above-named Richard Newton, baptized on 1 July 1586, became a sizar at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, at Michaelmas 1606; B.A. 1609-10; M.A. 1613. He was Vicar of Melling in Lonsdale in 1625 and was buried at Whittington on 8 August 1633. He had issue:

- (a) Dorothy Newton, baptized at Whittington on 16 May 1613.

- (b) Ann Newton, baptized at Melling on 18 December 1628 and buried at Whittington on 5 February 1704-5.

So far no further information regarding this family has appeared, and it is probable that they left the parish.

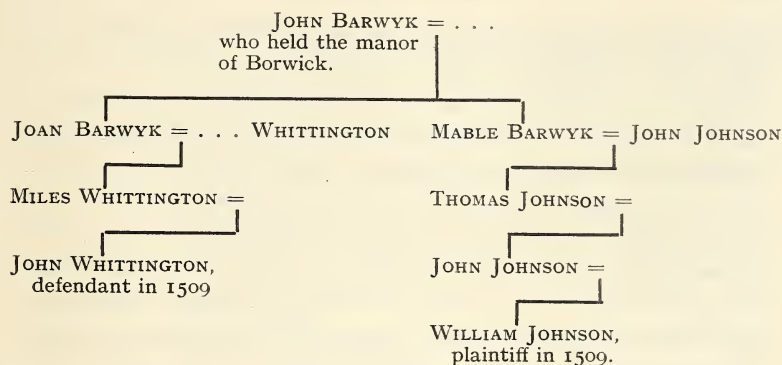
ON THE CONNECTION OF THE NEWTON AND WHITTINGTON FAMILIES

The Barwyk (or Borwick) family not only held the manor of Borwick but also owned the tenement in Docker called Le Hirst which they had acquired in 1388¹; and it had descended to the Whittington family with the manor.

In 1 Henry VIII [1509] one William Johnson put forward a plea that he was entitled to half the manor of Borwick, stating that it had devolved in equal but undivided shares from two sisters the coheirs of John Barwick. In support of his claim he gave the following pedigree²:—

¹ Farrer, *Records of Kendale*, vol. ii, p. 193.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Plea Roll*, 15/109, m. 15.



The result of this plea is not on record ; but John Whittington continued to hold the manor of Borwick which at his death in 1511 devolved on his son Thomas Whittington ; whose inquisition *post mortem* was held on 5 October, 9 Henry VIII [1517], when he was found to have held the manor of Borwick and 12 messuages, 200 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, &c., in Borwick. The jurors add that Mary, his widow, holds for life 5 messuages, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood and 40 acres of moor and turbary in Whittington and Tatham by the gift and grant of John Whittington [her father-in-law] dated 6 September, 22 Henry VII [1506], and that Margaret (aged 2 years) and Elizabeth (aged 3 months) are daughters and co-heirs of the said Thomas Whittington.¹

In due time Margaret Whittington was married to George Redmayne and had issue : (1) Thomas Redmayne and (2) Marmaduke Redmayne.

On 20 August, 2 Edward VI [1548], a Final Concord was recorded by which Thomas Asshawe and Richard Newton (as feoffees) settled the manor of Borwick and various lands on George and Margaret Redmayne for their lives, then to Thomas Redmayne and his heirs and in default then to

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *I.P.M.*, 7/4/46.

Marmaduke Redmayne and his heirs and in default then to the right heirs of Margaret and their heirs for ever.¹

Thomas and Marmaduke Redmayne sold the manor of Borwick and lands in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Westmorland to Robert Bindloss, on 12 February 1566-7, for £1,823 6s. 8d.

In the meanwhile, Elizabeth, the second co-heiress of Thomas Whittington, had married Richard Newton of Whittington (who was one of the feoffees in the above settlement) and by him had a son Thomas Newton, who was complained of by Robert Bindloss on 15 June 1587 for advancing a claim to the manor of Borwick and the lands, sold by the Redmaynes, as cousin and heir of the Redmaynes.

This claim was settled by a Final Concord in Lent, 32 Elizabeth [1590], by which Robert Bindloss retained the manor and lands but paid Thomas Newton £600.²

A LESSER FAMILY OF NEWTONS IN WHITTINGTON

Brian Newton, who is named in the Subsidy Roll of 1543 as having goods worth 60s. and paying 6d., held a tenement of 10s. 2d. rent under the previously described family of Newton in the year 1554. On 12 March 1551-2 he, for some unexplained reason, had seized the grain belonging to one John Adcoke who petitioned the Lord Chancellor on the matter.³ He appears to have had a son, Edmond Newton of Whittington, who was married at Kirkby Lonsdale, on 1 June 1550, to Isabel Moore; they appear in the Whittington church register as the parents of the children below; but of their burials nothing is recorded:

(1) Jane Newton, baptized at Whittington on 26 February 1550-1.

(2) Bryan Newton, baptized at Whittington on 1 March 1552-3; he succeeded to the tenement which his

¹ Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc., vol. 60, p. 38.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 32 Eliz., Bdle. 52, m. 212 [Farrer MSS.].

³ Duchy of Lanc., *Pleadings*, 31, As.

father had held and sold it by Fine in Lent Term 1578 to Henry Wilson.¹ His wife's name was Isabel, who is believed to have been the widow of William Thompson of Claughton (see *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 211, n. 19) and she claimed dower in one-third of the manor of Claughton, which she and her husband in conjunction with John Thompson (William's son and heir) sold to Gabriel Croft of Claughton on 19 August 1583.²

- (3) Robert Newton, baptized at Whittington on 12 February 1556-7.

No more appears regarding them in Whittington.

The fact that neither Brian Newton of 1543 nor his son Edmond of 1550 nor the grandson Bryan are buried at Whittington points to a migration of this family which appears to have been to Lancaster to become merchants. This view is strengthened by a deed, preserved in the library of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Hornby, which is dated 31 August 1564 by which Humphrey Newton of Fulshaye, co. Chester, and Etheldreda his wife, sell to Bryan Newton of Lancaster, merchant, and his son Edmonde Newton of Lancaster, merchant, various parcels of land and rents in Hatlex, Bolton-le-Sands, Slyne and Burton-in-Lonsdale. The sale of the Burton-in-Lonsdale parcel is noted in the calendar of the Yorks Feet of Fines in Michaelmas Term, 6 & 7 Elizabeth.³

Assuming that the Edmonde Newton who married Isabel Moore to be the same man as the Edmonde of the above deed, we get the following family settled in Lancaster, viz. :

Brian Newton of Whittington (as above noted), who appears to have gone to Lancaster between 1557 and 1564 and to have become a merchant. He was also, probably, the Bryan Newton, mayor of Lancaster, who in 1571 gave evidence before

¹ Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 20 Eliz., Bdle. 40, m. 199 [Farrer MSS.].

² *Ibid.*, 25 Eliz., Bdle. 45, m. 31 [Farrer MSS.].

³ Yorkshire Record Series, vol. 2, 296.

the commission which investigated the ruin of the mill on the Green Ayre (see Roper, *Materials* [Chetham Soc.], iii, 591, 592). He had a son :

Edmond Newton of Whittington, who married Isabel Moore (as before noted). He also went to Lancaster with his father as a merchant between 1557 and 1564. His children appear to have been :

- (1) Jane Newton, baptized at Whittington on 26 February 1550-1.
- (2) Bryan Newton, baptized at Whittington on 1 March 1552-3 ; he married Isabel widow of William Thompson (as before noted) and appears to have died childless.
- (3) Robert Newton, baptized at Whittington on 12 February 1556-7.
- (4) William Newton of Lancaster (who was possibly born in 1554).

There is an *Inquisitio post mortem*¹ on him which says that he was seised of a burgage with some land in Lancaster which he held in socage of the King as of the manor of East Greenwich. He died on 17 February 1603-4 and was buried at Lancaster on the 18th February. He had married Elizabeth Siggswicke who was living at Bolton [-le-Sands] on 23 August 1604 (the date of the inquisition), and Brian Newton was their son and heir, aged 2 years, 11 months and more. But on referring to the church register we find that their children were :

- (a) Bryan Newton, baptized at Lancaster 1 February 1599-1600 ; died young.
- (b) Anne Newton, baptized at Lancaster 19 July 1600 ; buried 22 September 1600.
- (c) Bryan Newton, baptized at Lancaster 19 September 1601, of whom later.
- (d) Thomas Newton, baptized at Lancaster 27 September 1602.

¹ *Lancs. Inq., Stuart Period* (Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc.), i, 15.

The above-named Bryan Newton, baptized on 19 September 1601, flourished until 1628, when he was buried at Lancaster on 15 October, having had the following family, viz. :

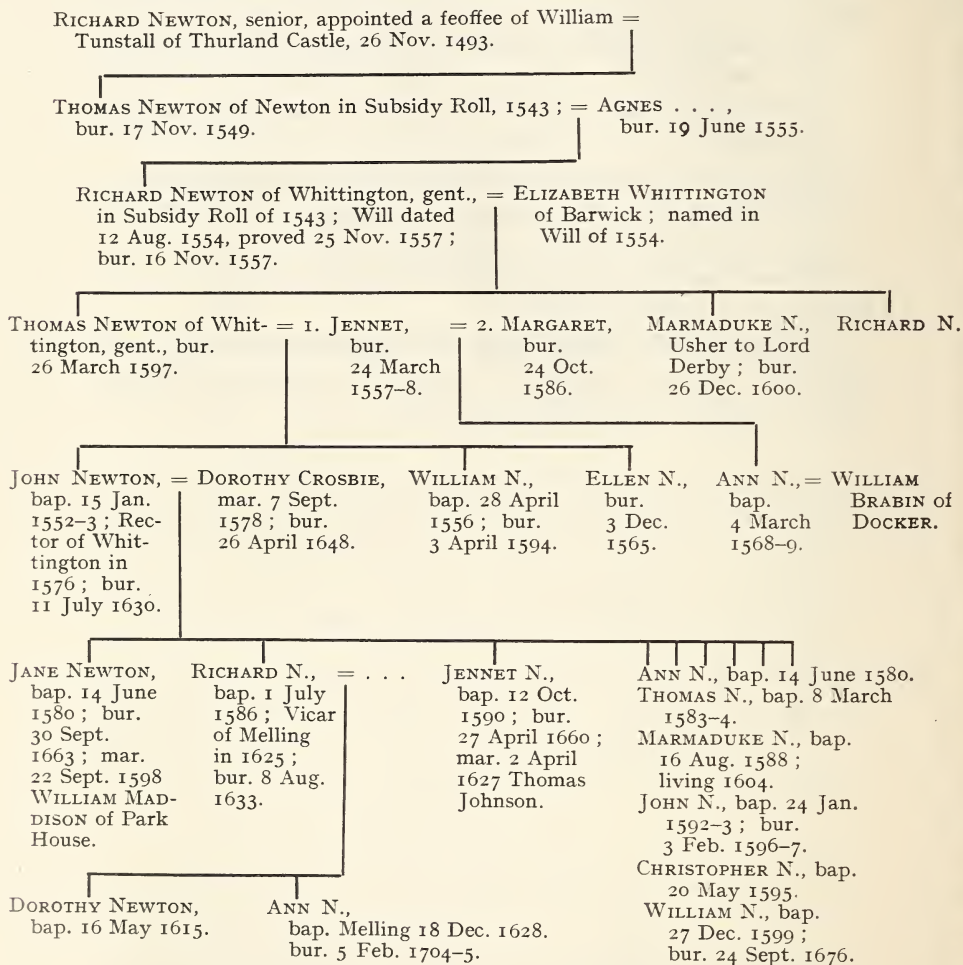
- (i) Elizabeth Newton, baptized at Lancaster on 9 November 1620.
- (ii) Anne Newton, baptized at Lancaster on 19 November 1622.
- (iii) Edmund Newton, baptized at Lancaster on 9 July 1625.
- (iv) William Newton, baptized at Lancaster on 16 August 1628 ; buried on 17 December 1628.

Edmund Newton was mayor of Lancaster in 1673 ; he was buried on 5 January 1673-4.

In Harleian MS. 1468, fo. 105b (Visitation of Lancashire and Middlesex, 1664), Newton de Lancaster is given as bearing arms : Argent, a cross fleurettée gules.

NEWTON OF NEWTON PAR. WHITTINGTON

NOTE.—Unless otherwise stated, all baptisms, marriages and burials are taken from the *Whittington Parish Register*.



CHAPTER IX

DOCKER (HILL) HALL—LE HURST—WHITTINGTON (NOW LOW) HALL

MYERS OF DOCKER

THIS family appears to have originated in Arkholme-with-Cawood township as we find the name del Mire or Myre as early as the fourteenth century in that township, and also a site called the Deep Myre associated with them.

An Adam del Myre of Arkholme appears as a juror on inquisitions on 30 October 1324, on 4 May 1325 and on 7 February 1336. He appears to have died *circa* 1342, as his wife Alice (who had been the widow of . . . de Berwyk) demanded her dower, in that year, in Whittington (probably in Docker); she had a son by her first husband, a Richard de Berwyk, who was tried at Liverpool for an assault on Robert del Myre of Arkholme, the younger, on 6 June 1341. The above-named Adam left a son, Adam del Myre, against whom the widow Alice claimed her dower in 1342.¹

Mention is also made of a Henry del Myre, whose widow Agnes was a defendant in a lawsuit by John de Eskrigg and Katherine de Lockagh in the Duchy Court in 1352.²

This family had lands both in Arkholme with Cawood and in Docker, and appear to have settled finally in the hamlet of Docker, where they built or re-edified Upper Docker Hall or Docker Hill.

Among the Deeds of Storrs Hall is one dated 8 May 1446,

¹ *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 247, n. 91.

² Duchy Court, 2 Duke Henry, m. 6d. [Farrer MSS.].

by which William Newpage of Wakefield, co. Yorks., son and heir of Thomas Newpage, late of Kellet, releases all his right for himself and his heirs to John del Myre of and in the lands and tenements within the township of Erghun and Kydloo in Cawode, now in the possession of the said John and which he holds by the grant and feoffment of Thomas Newpage, late of Kellet ("my father"), Richard Burgh of Dokker and Robert Walker, late of Torysholme within the vill of Erghun and Kydloo in Cawode, co. Lancaster, whose charter bears date at Erghun on the feast of St. Gregory, pope, the 7 Henry V [12 March 1420]; the land to be held of the Chief Lord of the fee by the rent and services due and accustomed, warranty.

From this deed it is clear that John del Myre had possession of Kitley in 1420 and that he was still living in 1446.

We pick up this John del Myre again in a lawsuit brought in 1564 wherein it is stated by the defendant that this John Miers [note the change in the name after 100 years] had settled his lands in 8 Henry VI [1430] on his heirs male, viz. on his son Edmund Miers, living in 1430, and his heirs male. This Edmund is stated to have had a son John Miers, who married Elizabeth Pymont and had issue, viz.:

(1) Hugh Miers, of whom later.

(2) George Miers, named in the will of his brother Hugh in 1539.

The above-named Hugh Miers of Docker had two wives; firstly, he married Anne daughter of William Tunstall of Aldcliffe, esquire, on which occasion it was alleged (by Marmaduke Burrow) that John Miers, the father of Hugh, had settled certain lands on Anne and her issue; her issue was an only child, Grace Miers, who was married to Robert Burrow of the Lower Biggins, near Kirkby Lonsdale, the marriage covenant being dated 15 May 1543. She died in childbirth and was buried at Kirkby Lonsdale on 7 June 1544, leaving a son, Marmaduke Burrow, who was baptized at Kirkby Lonsdale on 30 May 1544, who was the plaintiff in the lawsuit of 1564

in which he claimed 6 messuages and 78 acres of land in Arkholme, Docker and Cawood.¹

Hugh Miers married secondly Isabel Greenwood, who was executor of his will, in 1540, in which he names his son John as his heir ; by her he had the following children, viz. :

- (i) John Miers, eldest son, who died without male issue ; but is probably the man who sold Deepmire in Arkholme to the feoffees of the Rood Guild in Sedbergh in 1530,² and attended Hornby Manor Court as a free tenant on 29 September 1537.
- (ii) Edmund Miers, heir to his brother, of whom later.
- (iii) Richard Miers, baptized at Whittington on 24 June 1539.

The above-named Edmund Miers was the defendant against whom Marmaduke Burrow brought his action on 26 October 1564, and in his answer to the bill of complaint he gives the family pedigree from John del Myre down to himself. He was buried at Whittington on 6 March 1596-7 and styled "gent." He left the following family, viz. :

- (a) William Myres, baptized at Whittington on 20 December 1577, of whom later.
- (b) George Myres, baptized at Whittington on 2 March 1580-1.
- (c) Thomas Myres, baptized at Whittington 9 January 1588-9.
- (d) Richard Myres, buried on 26 April 1597, as son of Edmund M.

The above-named William Myres, baptized on 20 December 1577, was married at Tatham, on 27 January 1598-9, to Grace More. On 6 September 1600 he sold Kitlow in Cawood (which his ancestor John del Myre had obtained from the Newpages) to John Widder and he also sold a messuage in Arkholme of 13s. 4d. rent to James Dicconson. Further, he sold Docker

¹ P.R.O. Duchy of Lanc., *Pleadings*, vol. 57, No. B.10 and 10a.

² Platt, *Hist. of Parish and Grammar School of Sedbergh*, 50.

(Hill) Hall to Henry Brabin of Le Hirste before 1613, the date of Henry Brabin's will. Finally, he was buried at Whittington on 2 March 1642-3 and styled "clerk." A William Mayor matriculated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as a pensioner *circa* 1596; B.A. 1599-1600; M.A. 1603; S.T.B. 1627; who may have been the same man. The wife Grace was buried at Whittington on 9 February 1647-8, leaving the following family, viz.:

- (i) Edmond Myres, baptized at Whittington on 13 May 1600, of whom later.
- (ii) Jane Myres, baptized at Whittington on 1 April 1601.
- (iii) Mary Myres, baptized at Whittington 1 August 1602.
- (iv) Thomas Myres, baptized at Whittington 3 March 1604-5.
- (v) Anne Myres, baptized at Whittington 7 October 1607.
- (vi) Richard Myres, baptized at Whittington 6 November 1610, of whom later.
- (vii) George Myres, baptized at Whittington 6 January 1614-15.
- (viii) Henry Myers, baptized at Whittington 2 May 1620.

The above-named Edmond Myres married Elizabeth, daughter of William Barker of Arkholme, as is shown by the will of her sister, Jennet Barker of Arkholme, dated 30th July 1676, which speaks of the children as her nephews and nieces. Edmond Myers settled at Arkholme and was buried at Melling on 15 June 1653. His widow Elizabeth was also buried there on 19 December 1673. They had issue:

- (1) William Mayre of Arkholme, executor to his aunt Jennet Barker on 30 July 1676.
- (2) John Mayre, named in the above-mentioned will in 1676.
- (3) Isabell Mayre, named in the above-mentioned will in 1676.
- (4) Margaret Mayre, named in the above-mentioned will in 1676.

Richard Myres, baptized 6 November 1610, appears to have settled at Hornby, where this family subsisted for several generations.

The later history of Docker (Hill) Hall is rather obscure and, owing to changes of surname by the owners, gave the writer much trouble to unravel.

The Brabin owner living at Preston or in its neighbourhood would let the place as a farm, and we do find farmers living there in the eighteenth century. One John Lonsdale died at Docker (Hill) Hall after making his will on 15 May 1735; he was buried at Whittington on 18 May and his will was proved in the Lonsdale Deanery on 31 May 1735. He only left an infant son; but the farm would probably be let to some other farmer and when we get into touch with it again we find it being advertised for sale in the *Newcastle Journal* of 19 July 1746 as follows: "To be sold (at Mrs Bayliffe's the Fountain Inn, Kirkby Lonsdale, on Thursday 14 August next) A Freehold estate, called Docker Hall, in co. Lancaster—120 acres—3000 young oaks—Rent £57." This notice might apply to either Docker Hall; but from the will of the Rev. William Hutton, Rector of Maids Morton, co. Bucks., it appears that he owned an estate here called Docker Hall, and as the house called Lower Docker Hall had been acquired by the North family, it follows that Mr. Hutton's property must have been Docker (Hill) Hall, which he probably purchased at this auction in 1746. It passed to his son, the Rev. James Long Long, and to the latter's daughter Mary Long, who married an Andrewes who changed his name to Uthwatt. (See account of Low Hall.)

LE HIRSTE

An ancient dwelling, named Le Hirste, was situated near Docker; though it has disappeared the name lingers in two fields situated in the angle formed by the road through Docker and that called Keer Holme Lane. The fields bear the names Hurst Field Side and Low Hurst Field, at the south end of which is Hurst Field Wood.

The word "Hurst" means a wood and in all probability

MIERS (MAYOR, MYRE, ETC.) OF DOCKER

JOHN DEL MYRE was enfeoffed, 12 March 1420-1, by Thomas Newpage = and others of lands in Arkholme and Kidlow, which were released to him, 24 May 1446, by William Newpage, son and heir of Thomas, being copyhold land under Hornby Manor (Storrs Hall Deeds, No. 62); made a settlement on his heirs male in 1430.

EDMUND MIERS living in 8 Henry VI (1430) =

JOHN MIERS, son and heir; alleged by Marm. Burrow = ELIZABETH PYMONT.
to have settled lands, etc., on his son Hugh's first marriage and the issue of that marriage.

HUGH MIERS of Docker, heir male; = 1. ANN, dau. of WILLIAM = 2. ISABEL GREENWOOD, GEORGE M.,
Will dated 1539, proved 21 April TUNSTALL Esq., and an exix. in 1539 named in
1540, names John Miers as his niece to Brian T., of her husband's Will of his
son and heir and makes him and Thurland. Will father, 1539.
Isabel, his wife, joint executors.

GRACE MYERS, only = ROBERT BURROW
child; mar. covt., of Biggins in
15 May 1543; bur. Kirkby Lons-
dale, 15 June dale par.
1544.

JOHN MIERS, eldest son; *ob.s.p.* male; in 1530 sold Deepmire in Cawood to the Feoffees of the Rood Guild in Sedburgh; as a free tenant, attended Hornby Manor Court, 29 Sept. 1537.

EDMUND MIERS, brother = and heir; defendant in lawsuit, *M. Burrow v. Edm. M.*, gent., 26 Oct. 1564; bur. at Whittington, 6 March 1566-7, as "gent."

RICHARD M., bap. at Whittington, 24 June 1539.

MARMADUKE BURROW, bap. at Kirkby Lonsdale, 30 May 1544; Plaintiff in lawsuit, 1564, claiming 6 messuages and 76 acres of land in Arkholme, Docker and Cawood.

Note.—A William Mayor matriculated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as a pensioner *c.* 1596; B.A. 1599-1600; M.A. 1603; S.T.B. 1627.

WILLIAM MYRES, = bap. at Whittington, 20 Dec. 1577; sold Kitlow in Cawood to John Widder, 6 Sept. 1600, and also a messuage of 13s. 4d. rent in Arkholme to John Dicconson; sold Upper Docker Hall before 1613 to Henry Brabin of Le Hirst; bur. at Whittington 2 March 1642-3, as "clerk."

GRACE MORE, mar. at Tatham, 27 Jan. 1598-9; bur. at Whittington 9 Feb. 1647-8.

GEORGE M., bap. at Whittington, 2 March 1580-1. THOMAS M., bap. at Whittington, 9 Jan. 1588-9. RICHARD M., bur. at Whittington, 26 April 1597.

EDMOND MYERS, = ELIZABETH, dau. of WILLIAM BARKER of Arkholme; bur. at Melling, 19 Dec. 1673.
bap. at Whittington, 13 May 1600; bur. at Melling, 15 June 1653. See MAYRE of Arkholme.

JANE M., bap. at Whittington, 1 April 1601.
MARY M., bap. at Whittington, 1 Aug. 1602.
THOMAS M., bap. at Whittington, 3 March 1604-5.

RICHARD M., bap. at Whittington, 6 Nov. 1610. See MAYOR of Hornby.

ANNE M., bap. at Whittington, 7 Oct. 1607.
GEORGE M., bap. at Whittington, 6 Jan. 1614-15.
HENRY M., bap. at Whittington, 2 May 1620.

WILLIAM MAYRE of Arkholme, exor. to his aunt, Jennet Barker, 30 July 1676.

JOHN MAYRE, named 1676.

ISABEL M., named 1676.

MARGARET M., named 1676.

there was here a keeper's lodge in connection with the forest of Cawood, which was the private forest of the lords of Hornby Castle, and extended on the west side of the river Lune from that river along the boundary between Arkholme and Gressingham and Capernwray to the river Keer and covered the whole of Arkholme with the exception of the cultivated Holme.

The earliest record of Le Hirste is in a grant of the year 1388 made by John de Croft of Yealand and Nicholas Faysand to John de Berwyk [Borwick] and his heirs of a yearly rent of £10 out of their lands and tenements of Stainton, co. Westmorland, and Le Hirst in Docker, co. Lancaster. Dated at Stainton on Easter Monday, 11 Richard II; Original at Sizergh.¹

The next mention of this house is that contained in the *inquisitio post mortem* on John Whittington of Le Hirste, taken in 3 Henry VIII [1511], who held lands here, of the heirs of John Barebon, in socage.² This John Whittington, by his charter dated 20 Henry VII [1504-5], had given to his daughter-in-law Mary, wife to his son Thomas Whittington, a messuage, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood and 40 acres of moor in Whittington, which was probably the Hirste. The son Thomas died on 30 August 1527, leaving two daughters co-heirs, viz. Margaret aged 2 years and Elizabeth aged 3 months.³ In due time these girls married; Margaret married George Redmayne, and Elizabeth married Richard Newton of Whittington, gentleman. The husbands appear to have sold Le Hirste to Henry Brabbin, gentleman, Notary Public and Registrar of the Archdeaonry of Richmond, as appears by his deposition in the lawsuit of *Huddleston v. Tunstall*.⁴

This man, by his will dated 12 April 1613, with codicil dated

¹ Farrer, *Records of Kendale*, ii, 193.

² *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 247, n. 90.

³ *Inq. p.m.* on Thomas Whittington, 5 Oct., 19 Hen. VIII.

⁴ Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 19 Eliz., No. 10.

7 February 1614-15 and proved 14 March 1616-17,¹ left his "capital messuage called the Hyrste lying at the west end of Docker" with other possessions to his second son William Brabyn, from whom the Brabins of Docker descend (see pedigree below), while the elder branch occupied Whittington Hall. This younger branch also inherited a house in Docker which originally appears to have been called Docker Hill, afterwards corrupted into Docker Hall or Upper Docker Hall, which is situated on the end of Docker Moor, some 60 feet above the road, while the Old Docker Hall belonging to the armigerous family of North is situated on the road-level in the hamlet of Docker. This Upper Hall had belonged to the Myres family, who sold it to Henry Brabin before 1613, as stated in the will of the latter.

THE BRABIN PEDIGREE

The name of Brabin is frequently encountered in the Poll Tax return, of the year 1379, for the West Riding of Yorkshire, where the following variants are met, viz. Brabayn (4 times), Braban (5 times), Brabaner (6 times) and Brabayner (once). From which it seems fairly obvious that they were people introduced from Brabant in Flanders, to help in the weaving of cloth (see also Bardsley's *Dictionary of Surnames*). From Yorkshire to Kendal is no great distance and there we find again people of the name of Brabbin, Brabyn and Brabin in the sixteenth century; some in trade and some seated on the land as copyholders. Hence it is no great flight of the imagination to believe that the family at Docker had its origin in one of the Kendal families; yet, probably, coming to Docker from Hornby as in the Subsidy Roll for 1543 a William Brabin of Hornby paid 6*d.* on 6*s.* worth of goods, and there is also an inventory, among the Richmond wills, of a Henry Brabin of Hornby, taken on 6 July 1624, which states that a debt was owing to him from his father.

¹ Richmond Wills.

These two men were probably employed in the management of the estates of the Lords Mounteagle, as was also the first Henry Brabin of Docker and may have been related to him.

Henry Brabin of Le Hirste in Docker was a lawyer employed by Lord Mounteagle as one of his commissioners for the management of his Hornby and Tatham estates.

In 1577 he purchased a patent, for twenty-one years, as registrar of wills for the five western deaneries of the arch-deaconry of Richmond, from Randal Cotgrave, registrar to the bishop of Chester, which patent descended to his grandson, William Brabin of Docker.¹ As above noted, he deposed in the lawsuit of *Huddleston v. Tunstall* in 1577; he was steward of Hornby Manor Court in 1587; he purchased the estate of Garney Garth or Lathebote, with its principal mansion Low Hall, from Francis Tunstall of Thurland Castle in 1585; in 1588 he bought the manor of Mansergh from Marmaduke Redmayne of Thornton for 260 marks and acquired other lands in Whittington, Mansergh, Kirkby Lonsdale and Hutton Roof.

He married Alice, daughter to John Baynes of Sellet Hall, at Whittington Church on 17 January 1563-4; this lady is named as his wife in the will of her uncle, Richard Baynes, in 1597; she was buried at Whittington on 8 September 1618. He made his will on 12 April 1613, with a codicil of 7 February 1614-15, which was proved on 14 March 1616-17²; in it he names two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren. His burial does not appear in the Whittington register; but as there was plague in the township it may have been accidentally omitted. His *inquisitio post mortem* was held on 26 September, 15 James I [1617].³ He left the following family, viz.:

- I. Thomas Brabin, son and heir, of whom later.
- II. William Brabin, second son, of whom later.

¹ *Westmorland Note Book*, i, 292.

² Richmond Wills.

³ *Records of Kendale*, ii, 390.

- III. Katherine Brabin, eldest daughter, died before 1613, married to John Warde, gentleman, and had a son Thomas, named in his grandfather's will.
- IV. Jane Brabin, named in her father's will, baptized at Whittington on 4 August 1574; married there on 7 December 1596 to Thomas Blackburne and had issue a son John Blackburne named in his grandfather's will in 1613. Jane died before 1613.
- V. Alice Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 25 October 1579; buried on 5 November 1588.
- I. Thomas Brabin, the above-named eldest son, was baptized at Whittington on 7 September 1565; he received, under his father's will, Whittington Hall, Garney Garth estate, the manor of Mansergh, lands in Kirkby Lonsdale (except the Spital) and in Hutton Roof. He sold the manor of Mansergh *circa* 1630 to Josias Dawson of Kirkby Lonsdale¹; was a party, with his son Henry, to a Fine on 20 August 1638. He had a wife Jane who appears on the recusants roll of 1 Charles I [1625]; she was buried at Whittington on 19 July 1633. He outlived his wife, being buried at Whittington on 5 November 1638. He left a son, viz.:

- i. Henry Brabin, who was named in his grandfather's will as heir in tail in 1613. He was 42 years of age at his father's death.² He had a wife Anne, whose name appears in the Fines of 1638 and 1641; both of them were recusants in 1 Charles I [1625] and in 16 Charles I [1640]. On 6 September 1641 he and his wife were parties to another Fine by which they sold land to John Walker and Robert Wildman. The burial of this couple is not to be found in the Whittington register; but he must have died before 1649 as his son and heir Thomas compounded for the estate in that year. He left the following family, viz.:

¹ P.R.O., *Chancery Proceedings*, ii, D. 400/44, d/20.4.1632.

² *Vict. C. Hist. Lancs.*, viii, 243, n. 33.

- (a) Jane Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 2 September 1621, of whom nothing more appears.
- (b) Thomas Brabin, son and heir, baptized at Whittington on 29 October 1622, of whom later.
- (c) Henry Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 18 November 1623.

The above-named Thomas Brabin, baptized on 29 October 1622, joined the King's forces during the Civil War and had to compound for his estate, on 31 May 1649, when he stated that he paid a Crown rent of £4 yearly for his lands in Whittington (that was for Garney Garth, see *ante*, p. 12).¹ While his estate was sequestered he appears to have been living at Tunstall, as his eldest son was baptized there. He was buried at Whittington on 14 January 1650-1, or it may be 1651-2, as the entry in the register has no year to it. Of his wife nothing has, so far, appeared; but he had at least three children, viz.:

- (i) Henry Brabin, baptized at Tunstall on 12 April 1648; buried at Whittington on 4 May 1648.
- (ii) Thomas Brabin, of whom later.
- (iii) Henry Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 21 September 1651.

The last-named Thomas Brabin, second son, was baptized at Whittington on 2 December 1649 and had a long minority until about 1670. Like the rest of his family, he was a Jacobite, and is noted in the Fleming MSS. as having joined with his neighbour, Mr. Carus of West Hall, in making a bonfire, on 22 June 1688, to celebrate the birth of King James II's son. On the 27 December 1688, however, he took the oath to King William III. The name of his wife and the dates of their deaths do not appear as he had sold all his estate by 1698, when the Hall and lands were in the possession of John Rawlinson of Gray's Inn, by which date he would have left Whittington. His children were:

¹ *Royalist Comp. Papers* (Lancs. and Ches. Record Soc.), i, 215.

- (1) Mary Brabin, buried at Whittington on 20 January 1674-5.
- (2) Elizabeth Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 31 May 1673.
- (3) Thomas Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 6 February 1674-5.
- (4) Michael Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 7 August 1678.
- (5) Mary Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 27 April 1681, died young.
- (6) Catherine Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 12 October 1682.
- (7) Mary Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 10 October 1685.
- (8) Ann Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 27 September 1687; buried on 4 January 1687-8.

After this period this branch of the Brabin family disappears from Whittington; but it is to be noted that a Thomas Brabin, gentleman, was living at Beetham Hall in 1718. Whether he was of the Brabin family of Whittington is uncertain though it is likely (see p. 122).

II. Returning now to William Brabin, second son of Henry Brabin of Le Hirst, we find that he was baptized at Whittington on 8 September 1567; called second son in his father's will and was to have, under it, the Hirst, the Mort Intake, Edward Ing and Docker (Hill) Hall, purchased from William Myres, with a parcel of ground called Rob Fall and all lands to it belonging, as well as other lands in Arkholme, Nether Bentham, Over Bentham, Fowgill and Graystongill and two little tenements in Westhouse in Thornton parish. To hold for life with remainders in tail male. In 1608 he had obtained a new patent as Registrar for the five western deaneries. He married Anne, daughter of Thomas Newton by Margaret his wife (see p. 108), who was baptized at Whittington on 4 March 1568-9 and was buried there on 17 July 1614; he was buried

on 3 April 1617. His will is dated 27 March 1617 and was proved at York on 13 May 1617¹; in it he mentions his eight living children, viz.:

1. John Brabin, of Docker (Hill) Hall, baptized at Whittington on 25 June 1590, named in his grandfather's will in 1613; was admitted to Gray's Inn on 12 July 1614 being then "late of Barnards Inn." Buried at Halton on 19 June 1623. *Inquisitio post mortem*, held on 18 March 1623-4, found that he died on 9 June 1623 *s.p.* and that his brother William is his next heir.²
2. Alice Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 26 February 1592-3.
3. Jane Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 21 August 1595.
4. Katherine Brabin, baptized at Whittington 23 July 1598.
5. Ann Brabin, baptized at Whittington 1 August 1601.
6. Ursula Brabin, baptized at Whittington 16 October 1603.
7. Thomas Brabin, baptized at Whittington 9 September, 1605; buried on 8 January 1605-6.
8. William Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 4 February 1606-7, of whom later.
9. Henry Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 3 November 1609; he received the "Spital" farm near Kirkby Lonsdale and a half-share in the patent for the five deaneries under his father's will. He calls himself a "Notary Publique" of York in his petition to chancery, on 20 February 1634-5,³ regarding the patent of registrar for the five deaneries. In 1643 he was arrested in Kirkby Lonsdale by the Puritan soldiers⁴; but of his subsequent career nothing has appeared.

The above-named William Brabin, baptized on 4 February 1606-7, succeeded to the Docker (Hill) Hall estates on his

¹ *Lancs. and Chesh. Wills* (Chetham Soc.), N.S. 28, 184-5.

² *Lancs. Ing., Stuart Period* (Lancs. and Ches. Record Soc.), iii, 415.

³ *Westmorland Note Book*, i, 292.

⁴ Kirkby Lonsdale Manor Rolls.

brother's death in 1623, when only 17 years of age. By his father's will he was to have a half-share in the patent as Registrar, so he joined his brother Henry in the petition to chancery in 1634-5. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Parkinson of Fairsnape, co. Lancaster (see Dugdale's *Visitation*). He was buried at Whittington on 26 May 1638, having had the following family, viz. :

- (a) Henry Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 25 December 1633, of whom later.
- (b) Robert Brabin, baptized at Whittington on 1 January 1636-7; buried on 19 July 1638.
- (c) A daughter, buried at Whittington on 27 June 1635.

The above Henry Brabin, the only surviving son, recorded a pedigree at Dugdale's *Visitation of Lancashire* in 1664 from which it appears that he had married Mary daughter of William Turner of Preston, co. Lancaster. He resided at Preston and attended the Guild held there in 1662 with his two sons. According to the *Visitation* he had the following family, viz. :

- (i) William Brabin, aged 7 years on 14 March 1664-5.
- (ii) Henry Brabin.
- (iii) Elizabeth Brabin.
- (iv) Anne Brabin.
- (v) Margaret Brabin.

The subsequent history of this family does not appear to be connected with Whittington, there being no entries in the parish register, and it is to be presumed that Mr. Brabin sold this property.

THE BRABIN FAMILY AT BEETHAM HALL

It seems extremely probable that the Brabins of Beetham Hall were the same family which had owned Whittington Hall, though so far no clear proof of their connection is forthcoming; yet it is considered best to record what is known so that future searchers may be saved trouble.

One Thomas Brabin of Whitehaven married Milcah Tolnson

on 29 March 1698 (Marriage Bond at Lancaster). In 1717 he was living at Beetham Hall and in 1720 he was fined 6*d.* at the Sessions for obstructing a path.¹ He was buried at Beetham on 14 February 1732-3, having made a will dated 31 October 1732; Inventory 19 February; Bond 7 March 1732-3. His wife, named in his will, was buried at Beetham on 13 November 1747. They had the following family, viz.:

1. Henry Brabin, of Beetham, named in his father's will as Executor; made a freeman of Lancaster in 1733-4 by his brother-in-law, William Stout.
2. Thomas Brabin, buried at Beetham on 13 August 1718.
3. Catharine Brabin, baptized at Beetham on 24 July 1717; named in her father's will.
4. Ann Brabin, baptized at Beetham on 22 January 1719-20; buried 26 February 1720-1.
5. Frances Brabin, buried at Beetham on 15 December 1724.
6. Mary Brabin, named in the will of her father in 1733 as married to Edward Green, which marriage took place at Beetham by licence on 5 August 1727.
7. Jane Brabin, named in her father's will in 1733; married at Beetham to William Stout of Lancaster on 7 September 1730 (see also Stout's *Autobiography*). They had issue.
8. Lucy Brabin, buried at Beetham on 31 January 1731-2.
9. Milcah Brabin, a minor in 1733, married, at Beetham on 28 October 1742, to Erasmus Head, M.A., Prebendary of Carlisle and Vicar of Dalston. He was of Queen's College, Oxford, where he matriculated on 19 October 1727, aged 16; B.A. 1731; M.A. 1735.

¹ *Records of Kendale*, iii, 247.

BRABIN OF WHITTINGTON

NOTE.—Unless otherwise stated, all baptisms, marriages and burials are from the Whittington Parish Register.

WILLIAM BRABON of Hornby paid 6d. to the Subsidy of 1543 on goods worth 60s.
On 6 July 1624, an Inventory was taken of the goods of a HENRY BRABIN of Hornby.

HENRY BRABIN of Le Hirste and Whittington Hall; = ALICE, dau. of JOHN BAYNES
Will dated 12 April 1613, codicil 7 Feb. 1614-15, of Sellet Hall; mar. 17 Jan.
proved 14 March 1616-17. 1563-4; bur. 8 Sept. 1618.

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| THOMAS BRABIN, = JANE . . . , bap. 7 Sept. 1565; bur. 5 Nov. 1638; Inq. <i>p.m.</i> | WILLIAM B. of Docker = ANNE, dau. of (Hill) Hall, bap. 8 Sept. 1567; Will- dated 27 March 1617; pr. at York 13 May 1617; bur. 3 April 1617. | THOS. NEW- TON; bap. 4 March 1568-9; bur. 17 July 1614. | KATHERINE B., eldest dau., died before 1613; mar. JOHN WARDE, gent., and had issue, Thomas W., living 1613. JANE B., bap. 4 Aug. 1574; mar. 7 Dec. 1596, THOMAS BLACK- BURN, and had issue, John B., living 1613. ALICE B., bap. 25 Oct. 1579; bur. 5 Nov. 1588. |
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| HENRY BRABIN, = ANNE, a Recusant in 1625 and 1640; aged 42 in 1638; died <i>c.</i> 1648-9. | JOHN BRABIN of Docker (Hill) Hall; bap. 25 June 1590; bur. at Halton, 19 June 1623; found by Inq. <i>p.m.</i> that he died 9 June 1623, heir, his bro. William. | ALICE B., bap. 26 Feb. 1592-3. JANE B., bap. 21 Aug. 1595. KATHERINE B., bap. 23 July 1598. ANN B., bap. 1 Aug. 1601. | URSULA B., bap. 16 Oct. 1603. THOMAS B., bap. 9 Sept. 1605; bur. 8 Jan. 1605-6. HENRY B., bap. 3 Nov. 1609; Notary of York in Feb. 1634-5. |
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| JANE B., bap. 2 Sept. 1621. | THOMAS B., of = Whittington Hall; bap. 29 Oct. 1622; bur. 14 Jan. 1650-1. | HENRY B., bap. 18 Nov. 1623. | WILLIAM BRABIN of Docker = ELIZABETH, dau. (Hill) Hall; bap. 4 Feb. 1606-7; bur. 26 May 1638. of ROBERT PARKINSON, Fairsnape, co. Lancs. |
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| HENRY B. of Docker (Hill) = MARY, dau. Hall; bap. 25 Dec. 1633; at Preston Guild 1662; entered Pedigree at Dugdale's Visit. in 1664-5. of WILLIAM TURNER of Preston. | ROBERT B., bap. 1 Jan. 1636-7; bur. 19 July 1638. A daughter, bur. 27 June 1635. |
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| HENRY B., bap. at Tun- stall, 12 April 1648; bur. 4 May 1648. | THOMAS B. of Whittington = Hall; bap. 3 Dec. 1649; took the oath to King William III on 27 Dec. 1688. | HENRY B., bap. 21 Sept. 1651. | WILLIAM B., aged 7 years on 14 March 1634-5. | HENRY B. ELIZABETH B. ANN B. MARGARET B. |
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| MARY B., bur. 20 Jan. 1674-5. | ELIZABETH B., bap. 31 May 1673. | THOMAS B., bap. 6 Feb. 1674-5. | MICHAEL B., bap. 7 Aug. 1678. | MARY B., bap. 27 April 1681; d. young. | CATHERINE B., bap. 12 Oct. 1682. MARY B., bap. 10 Oct. 1685. ANN B., bap. 27 Sept. 1687; bur. 4 Jan. 1687-8. |
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CHAPTER X

NORTH FAMILY OF LOWER DOCKER HALL AND THE YEOMAN FAMILY OF NORTH OF DOCKER

THE North family appear to have been settled in Lonsdale from early times ; but the records have very few notices of them. They do not appear in the inquisitions *post mortem* until the Stuart period, which indicates that they were manorial tenants, not tenants by knight service. When their names occur in the public records they are styled " gentlemen," not " esquires," which was a title confined to Lords of Manors who held their lands by knight service.

The earliest name found, so far, is that of John del North of Farleton in Lonsdale, who paid 16*d.* to the Lay Subsidy of 1332 ¹; after which one hundred and eighty years elapse before we meet with the name of :

Richard North of Docker, gentleman, who attended the Hornby Manor Court as a free-tenant for lands [in Arkholme] in the year 3 Henry VIII [1511-12] and also in 29 Henry VIII [1537-8]. In 35 Henry VIII [1543], Richard North is returned in the Lay Subsidy as having goods worth £5 on which he paid 20*d.* He was buried at Whittington on 17 January 1570-1 and was succeeded by his son :

Edward North of Docker, gentleman, who had to furnish arms for the musters, in 1574,² which shows that he was a freeholder in Docker. He was a witness in the lawsuit of *Huddleston v. Tunstall* on 1 April 1577 when he was 46 years

¹ *Miscellanies* (Lancs. and Ches. Record Soc.), ii, 100.

² Gregson, *Fragments of Lancs.*, p. 24.

of age,¹ thus fixing his birth *circa* 1533. He appeared in the Hornby Manor Court as a freeholder in Arkholme in 1587; his name is also found in the list of freeholders in Lancashire for the year 1600. He had a wife Margery who was buried at Whittington on 27 August 1577. His burial took place at the same church on 2 November 1604, when he was styled "gentleman." He left issue, viz.:

1. Richard North of Docker, baptized at Whittington on 2 January 1558-9, of whom later.
2. Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 7 February 1560-1.
3. Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 18 February 1563-4.

The above-named Richard North, baptized on 2 January 1558-9, has left no traces behind; but appears to have had a wife Margaret who was buried at Whittington on 25 September 1616 as wife of Richard North of Docker (it is not clear whether she was his wife or was wife to one of the yeoman family of North of Docker). Richard North was buried at Whittington on 12 December 1618 and was styled "gentleman." He left a son:

John North of Lower Docker Hall, who appears with others as plaintiff in a Fine, of 12 September 1598, by which he buys from Francis Tunstall five messuages, etc., in Newton and Tunstall.² He was a recusant in 1 Charles I [1625-6], in 4 Charles I and also in 16 Charles I. In 1631-2 he compounded in £10 for not taking knighthood. This John North was the defendant in a lawsuit brought by one John Dickonson, in the Duchy Court in 1632. Dickonson complained that North would not admit him to a tenement in Docker. North replied that the man refused to pay a "reasonable arbitrary fine" for entry, so he (North) as lord of the tenement refused to admit him. The rent of the tenement was 15s. 1d. and North

¹ Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 19 Eliz., *Huddleston v. Tunstall*, No. 10.

² Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 40 Eliz., Bdle. 60, m. 80 [Farrer MSS.].

said that twenty years' rent was a reasonable fine as in some cases thirty and forty years' rent had been paid. (Duchy of Lanc., *Pleadings*, E., 8 Chas. I, from General North's transcripts.) On 16 February 1639-40, he and his son and heir (Richard North) executed a deed securing £200 charged on their estate for his daughters Alice, Joan, Ellen and Margaret. He was buried at Lancaster on 10 August 1644. His wife Margaret, who was also a recusant in 1 Charles I, was buried at Whittington on 5 April 1637, having borne the following family, viz. :

- (i) Edward North, baptized at Whittington on 18 July 1595 ; buried 10 November 1595.
- (ii) Ellen North, baptized at Whittington on 4 July 1596 ; buried 23 December 1596.
- (iii) Margery North, baptized at Whittington on 1 May 1598 ; buried 3 August 1597 [*sic*].
- (iv) Richard North baptized at Whittington on 19 September 1599 ; of whom later.
- (v) John North, baptized at Whittington on 11 August 1602 ; he became a priest and was also known as John Lancaster. He went abroad and was in the English College at Lisbon in 1638 ; but embarked for England in May 1639, after which he is not heard of again. If he lived he would become heir to his brother Richard in 1657.
- (vi) Thomas North, who was a recusant in 1 Charles I [1625] ; he was named for a legacy in the will of Richard North of Docker, yeoman, in 1627 ; was buried at Whittington on 25 May 1635.
- (vii) Alice North, a recusant in 1 Charles I and also in 16 Charles I ; named in the deed of 16 February 1639-40.
- (viii) Joan North, named in the deed of 16 February 1639-40 ; married to Thomas Tempest of Benthams. She administered her father's goods in 1656 as *Jane Tempest*.

(ix) Ellen North, a recusant in 1 Charles I [1625-6] and named in the deed of 15 February 1639-40.

(x) Margaret North, a recusant in 1 Charles I and named in the deed of 15 February 1639-40.

The above-named Richard North, baptized on 19 September 1599, was a recusant in 1 Charles I and paid 8*d.* on that account ; he also paid 8*s.* to the Lay Subsidy on goods worth £3.¹ He was also named in the will of Richard North of Docker, yeoman, in 1627 for a legacy. He joined with his father in the Deed of 15 February 1639-40, as son and heir, to charge £200 on the estate for his sisters. He appears again in the Subsidy of 16 Charles I [1640-1] with his wife Lucy as recusants who paid 1*s.* 4*d.* each. His wife Lucy was a daughter of Thomas Carus of Halton Hall ² ; she made her will on 16 September 1681 as a widow at Halton, the inventory (£5 17*s.*) is dated 30 November 1683 and the Bond, signed by her nephew and executor George Carus, is dated 7 April 1685 ; she was buried at Whittington on 29 November 1683. Richard North compounded for his estate on 19 April 1653, when he was seised of Dockerhall, etc., and was described as " gentleman." ³ He was buried at Whittington on 28 August 1657 without having had any issue as his wife's will, above noted, leaves all her goods to her nephew George Carus.

The estate would then pass to the brother John North who, as a priest, could have no legitimate issue ; hence it may be assumed that this branch of North died out. How the land devolved I have not been able to ascertain ; but it was let to farm to one James North of Whittington village in 1661. From 1671 to 1689 a Thomas Grainsworth was the farmer of this estate and in 1707 on December 20, John Croft of Docker Hall was buried at Whittington ; from which it may be assumed that the estate was let out for the benefit of John North the priest or his sisters' heirs.

¹ P.R.O., *Lay Subsidies*, 131/314.

² Dugdale, *Visit. Lancs.*, 1664-5.

³ *Royalist Comp. Papers* (Lancs. and Ches. Record Soc.), iv, 231-2.

NORTH OF DOCKER HALL

Arms : Quarterly azure and argent, in the first quarter a crescent of the second.
Harleian MS. 1549, fo. 10 (*Visitation of Lancashire*, 1567).

RICHARD NORTH of Docker ; attended the Hornby Manor Court as = . . .
a freeholder of lands in Arkholme in 3 Hen. VIII (1511-12) ; also
at Michaelmas, 29 Hen. VIII (1537) ; paid 20*d.* on goods worth
£5 to the Subsidy in 1543 ; buried at Whittington 17 Jan. 1570-1.

EDWARD NORTH of Docker, gentleman ; furnished arms = MARGERY . . .
for the muster in 1574 ; a witness in the Duchy Court
in 1577 and then aged 46 ; appeared at Hornby Manor
Court as a freeholder in 1587 ; bur. at Whittington
2 Nov. 1604, and called "gent." bur. at Whittington,
27 Aug. 1577, as
"uxor E.N."

RICHARD NORTH of Docker ; = MARGARET . . . ,
bap. at Whittington, bur. at Whitting-
2 Jan. 1558-9 ; bur. there ton, 25 Sept. 1616.
as "gent.," 12 Dec. 1618. THOMAS N., bap. 7 Feb.
1560-1.
ELIZABETH N., bap.
18 Feb. 1563-4.

JOHN NORTH of Docker ; a recusant in 1625-6, = MARGARET . . . ,
1628-9 and 1640-1 ; party, with son Richard,
to deed assuring £200 for his daus. Alice,
Joan, Ellen and Margaret ; in 1631-2, com-
pounded in £10 for not taking knighthood ;
bur. at Lancaster 10 Aug. 1644 ; Admon. of
goods in 1656 granted to dau. Jane, wife of
Thomas Tempest of Benthams. a recusant in 1625-6 ;
bur. at Whittington,
5 April 1637.

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| EDWARD NORTH, bap. 18 July 1595 ; bur. 10 Nov. 1595. | RICHARD NORTH of Docker = LUCY, dau. of Hall ; bap. 19 Sept. 1599 ; named in Will of Richard North of Docker, yeoman, in 1627 ; a recusant 1 and 16 Chas. I ; party to deed of 16 Feb. 1639-40, securing £200 for his sisters ; com- pounded for his estate 19 April 1653 ; bur. 28 Aug. 1657 ; <i>obs.p.</i> | THOMAS CARUS of Halton Hall, a recusant in 1639-40 ; Will dated 16 Sept. 1681, proved 1685 ; bur. 29 Nov. 1683. |
| ELLEN NORTH, bap. 4 July 1596 ; bur. 23 Dec. 1596. | | |
| MARGERY NORTH, bur. 3 Aug. 1597. | | |

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| JOHN NORTH, bap. 11 Aug. 1602 ; became a priest ; was at Lisbon in 1638 and returned to England in 1639 ; was known as John Lancaster. | THOMAS NORTH, named 1627 in Will of Richard North, yeoman ; a recusant in 1625-6 ; bur. 26 May 1635. | ALICE NORTH JOAN NORTH, administered her father's estate, 1656 ; wife of THOMAS TEMPEST of Benthams. ELLEN NORTH. MARGERY (MARGARET) NORTH ; bap. 1 May 1598. These four ladies were all recusants. |
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THE YEOMAN FAMILY OF NORTH OF DOCKER AND NEWTON

In all families there were younger sons who, under mediæval law, were put out into the world to seek their fortunes ; some were lucky enough to obtain copyhold farms, while others had to go away to towns or to enlist as soldiers or sailors as a means of livelihood.

In the case of this family we find a long line of yeomen of the name of North occupying a small farm adjacent to and tenants to the senior family ; so that one is forced to think that, at some early period in their history, they were united. Be that as it may, we find the following family at Docker, viz. :

Oliver North, whose name appears in the Subsidy Roll of 35 Henry VIII [1543] as having goods worth £3 on which he paid 6*d*. He made his will which was proved on 18 November 1557 ; in it he names his son Thomas to succeed to his farmhold, refers to a sister and three daughters by their husbands' surnames. He was buried at Whittington on 28 April 1557. His sister had married one Jennings of Hornby and had two sons, Anthony and Thomas Jennings, named in the will. His children were :

1. Thomas North of Docker, of whom later.
2. A daughter married to William Curwen, who received 6*d*. under Oliver North's will in 1557.
3. A daughter married to . . . Heylton, who received 6*s*. "in full recompence of his marriage goods."
4. A daughter married to Richard Cheeseman.

The above-named Thomas North of Docker, only son, had the farmhold which, according to his will, was the inheritance of the North family of Lower Docker Hall, as he speaks of "M^r North my landlord." This will was dated 11 December 1585 ; in it he names his wife Anne, two sons and two grandchildren ; he also names Jane Laborey as his sister-in-law. He appoints his wife and son Richard as his executors and as

Overseers or Supervisors "my master Edward Northe and neighbour Henrye Brabin." The inventory was taken on 29 December 1585; but the value is not given and the will was proved on 22 January 1585-6. His burial took place at Whittington on 26 December 1585. His wife Anne [? Laborey] was buried at Whittington on 24 June 1603 as "late wife of Thomas North." He had the following family, viz.:

- (i) Richard North, eldest son, of whom later.
- (ii) Isabel North, named in her father's will in 1585 as the wife of Robert Robinson of Capernwray. R. R. made his will on 28 August 1602, naming his brother Richard North as a supervisor, and Isabel was then alive.
- (iii) A daughter, unnamed, perhaps dead, who had married Thomas Curwen by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Curwen, named by her grandfather in 1585 for the legacy of a heifer.
- (iv) Jane North, buried at Halton on 14 March 1617-18 as "daughter of Thomas North of Docker."

The above-named Richard North succeeded to the farmhold in 1585; he had married, probably, a Baleman of Over Kellet as Richard Baleman, of Over Kellet, in his will dated 19 November 1602, calls Richard North his brother. Richard North with his daughter Jane signed the Administration Bond in 1623 for the goods of Jane's husband, Thomas Widder of Over Kellet, who died intestate. Richard North is then called "yeoman." He made his own will on 8 April 1627 which was proved on 24 May 1627; the inventory is very large (£1,066 17s.) and was taken on 21st May. The date of his burial would be a day or two earlier, but the Whittington Register is defective for that year. He had the following family, viz.:

- (a) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 26 February 1579-80, of whom later.
- (b) Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 1 October

1582, named in her grandfather's will in 1585 ; married at Whittington on 28 July 1599 to Thomas Robinson, who was named as son-in-law in the will of Richard North in 1627. They had issue Robert Robinson of Capernwray, named in his grandfather's will in 1627, and four younger unnamed children.

(c) Jane North, named in her grandfather's will in 1585 ; was married, to Thomas Widder of Over Kellet, at Whittington on 8 May 1608. Thomas Widder died intestate and his widow Jane and her father Richard North signed the Administration Bond in 1623. She is named as a widow in her father's will in 1627. She had issue six children, all named in her father's will.

(d) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 11 August 1588, called second son in his father's will in 1627 and was an executor and residuary legatee of that will. He married Margaret Widder of Over Kellet, sister to the above-named Thomas Widder, who at his death was indebted to this Richard North in £12 for Margaret's marriage portion. They had the following family (if not more), viz. :

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| (α) Ellen North | } All named in their grandfather's will in 1627. |
| (β) Joan North | |
| (γ) Margaret North | |
| (δ) Elizabeth North | |

(e) Oliver North, baptized at Whittington on 9 August 1592, named in his father's will, in 1627, as having received his share of goods. He lived at Newton. Was married at Whittington on 20 August 1606 to Agnes Hirdson. He made his will on 27 September 1613 and calls himself "yeoman": the inventory (£28 19s. 2d.) is dated 10 November 1613: proved 11 November 1613. In this will he names his brother Thomas and his own wife Agnes to whom he leaves all his lands at Newton for her life. He was buried

at Whittington on 1 October 1613. His widow remarried Robert Jackson at Whittington on 1 March 1616-17.

(f) Anne North, baptized at Whittington on 16 February 1594-5: buried on 6 April 1597.

The above-named Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 26 February 1579-80, was named in his grandfather's will in 1585 and in that of his father in 1627, of which he was the executor. He deposed in the lawsuit of *Carus v. Bordrigge*¹ in the year 1638 when he states that he is a yeoman of Docker, aged 60. He had a wife Agnes who was buried at Whittington on 16 September 1658. He was buried at Whittington on 4 October 1658 and left the following family, viz.:

(1) Margaret North, baptized at Whittington on 8 May 1610, named in the will of her grandfather in 1627.

(2) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 28 January 1612-13, of whom later.

(3) Jane North, baptized at Whittington on 25 September 1615, named in her grandfather's will in 1627.

(4) Alice North, baptized at Whittington on 25 May 1620, named in will of 1627.

(5) Elizabeth North, baptism not found: but named in will of 1627.

(6) Francis North, baptism not found; but named in will of 1627.

The above-named Richard North, baptized on 28 January 1612-13, is named in his grandfather's will in 1627. He deposed in the lawsuit of *Widder v. Goodred*² on 3 July 1647, when he is styled "gentleman." He died in his father's lifetime on the 30th, being buried at Whittington on 31st December 1655. He had a wife Alice who outlived him, being buried at Whittington on 15 November 1666 as "late wife of Richard North of Docker."

¹ P.R.O. Duchy of Lanc., *Depositions*, 14 Chas. 1, No. 48.

² P.R.O. Pal. of Lanc., *Chancery Depositions*, 10/42.

They had the following family, viz. :

- (i) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 10 March 1632-3, of whom later.
- (ii) Miles North, baptized at Whittington on 7 December 1634 : buried as of Newton on 5 February 1700-1. He made his will on 20 January 1700-1 in which he calls himself "of Newton." He leaves a legacy of 20s. to his nephew "Miles one of the sons of M^r Tho^s North of Newton," and an annuity of £4 to his sister Agnes, the wife of Thomas Atkinson ; his lands at Newton were left to his brother Oliver, who as executor signed the bond on 13 February 1700-1. He built a house at Newton which has his initials and date 1692 over the porch.
- (iii) Margaret North, baptized at Whittington 5 August 1638 ; was married at Whittington on 25 August 1658 to Thomas Turner.
- (iv) Oliver North, baptized at Whittington on 8 July 1640, of whom later. See B below.
- (v) Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 4 September 1642 ; buried on 24 October 1642.
- (vi) Jane North, baptized at Whittington on 9 November 1643.
- (vii) Agnes North, probably born about 1636, was married at Whittington on 3 June 1658 to Thomas son of William Atkinson of Geesgill in Orton parish.

The above-named Thomas North, baptized on 10 March 1632-3, was married at Whittington or at Over Kellet (as the entry is in both registers) on 28 April 1655 to Elizabeth Wilson of Over Kellet ; she was buried at Whittington on 16 December 1671. Thomas North succeeded to the farm on the death of his grandfather in 1658. He was an attorney and therefore entitled to be called "gentleman." He was the steward of Mr. Carus' manor until his death in 1712. He with his brothers Miles and Oliver and the latter's wife Jennet were parties to

a fine in Lent term, 24 Charles II [1672]¹, by which they sold some messuages and land in Newton, Docker, Arkholme, Cawood and Tunstall. This Thomas North appears to have been living in Carnforth early in 1688 as an indenture of 16 April 1688 describes him as of Carnforth, yeoman, and his son and heir as Richard North of Docker, yeoman, when they sell 3 acres of land, "parcel of the manor of Beamond and Bolton formerly possessed by Furness Abbey," to John Wilson of Over Kellet, yeoman; this land probably came to him as his wife's dower or inheritance. He seems to have finally gone to live at Newton, with his brothers Miles and Oliver, as he was buried at Whittington on 6 March 1711-12 as "M^r Thomas North, senior, of Newton." He made his will on 16 September 1705 which was proved on 17 April 1712, by which he left his "goods, rents and profits" to his youngest son Thomas North of Newton, gentleman, who was also to be his executor. His family was as follows, viz.:

- (a) Richard North, baptized at Over Kellet on 23 January 1657-8, of whom later.
- (b) Alice North, baptized at Over Kellet on 5 July 1660; she had three husbands, viz. first, Christopher Hopkin of Holme House in Mansergh (their marriage bond was dated 22 June 1681) and they had a son Christopher Hopkin aged 16 years in 1701. The second husband was Thomas Townson of Kirkby Lonsdale, grocer, who was drowned in the Lune, but had no issue. The third husband was Augustine Greenwood of Lancaster, merchant, who was buried at Lancaster on 6 April 1701. They had issue. She was buried at Lancaster on 19 May 1726 (see also Stout's *Autobiography*).
- (c) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 27 November 1665, of whom later. See A below.
- (d) Miles North, received a legacy of 20s. from his uncle

¹ P.R.O. Pal. of Lanc., *Feet of Fines*, 17/188.

Miles North in 1701. Was buried at Warton on 3 April 1712.

The above-named Richard North, baptized at Over Kellet on 23 January 1657-8, was a yeoman of Docker. On 1 April 1724 he sold his farm, of 150 acres in extent, to his eldest surviving son Henry for an annuity of £10 for life and £1,000 in cash, to be secured by a mortgage for 500 years.¹ He was married, at Whittington on 30 November 1681, to Margaret Greenfield, who was buried there on 18 March 1736-7. He was buried there on 15 January 1741-2, having had the following family, viz. :

- (1) Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 7 August 1683.
- (2) Margaret North, baptized at Whittington on 18 May 1684.
- (3) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 8 November 1685 ; buried on 9 September 1703.
- (4) Henry North, baptized at Whittington on 9 September 1688, of whom later.
- (5) Ellen North, baptized at Whittington on 17 October 1691.
- (6) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 1 January 1694-5 ; buried 9 December 1741, apparently unmarried ; but a Richard son of Richard North of Docker was buried at Warton on 29 August 1710 and may have been a son of this Richard.
- (7) John North, baptized at Whittington on 15 May 1698 ; buried 9 June 1698.
- (8) John North, baptized at Whittington on 14 February 1702-3.

The above-named Henry North, baptized at Whittington on 9 September 1688, was of Docker. This Henry North acquired the house called Lower Docker Hall before 1761 ; but it is not apparent how he did so. It is however probable

¹ Deeds of Major Joseph Gibson, D.S.O., of Barbon.

that he bought it from the heirs of John North, the priest. He increased his farm by 2 acres as when he in turn sold it, on 1st May 1761, to his eldest son and heir, in anticipation of the latter's marriage, it is stated to be 152 acres and he is styled "gentleman." The price paid was an annuity of £100 to the father for his life and an annuity of £30 to the mother for her life and she is called Agnes in the deed.¹ Henry North was buried at Whittington on 22 January 1762, leaving the following family, viz. :

- (i) Thomas North of Docker, gentleman, baptized at Whittington on 5 March 1724-5 ; of whom later.
- (ii) Margaret North, baptized at Whittington on 2 June 1727 ; was married to Robert Parker of Heaning in Slaidburn, gentleman.
- (iii) John North, baptized at Whittington on 30 January 1730-1 ; was a merchant in Liverpool.
- (iv) Jane North, baptized at Whittington on 5 October 1733 ; buried 7 October 1733.
- (v) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 24 August 1737 ; buried 29 October 1742.
- (vi) Henry North, baptized at Whittington on 3 March 1739-40 ; contracted to buy Gunnerthwaite farm but became a lunatic and died about 1789.

The above-named Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 5 March 1724-5, was married at Lancaster, by licence, on the 11 June 1761, to Isabella Geldart of Sandbeds in Eskrigg ; she was buried at Whittington on 14 August 1789 (M.I. states that she died on 7 August 1788 [*sic*]). This marriage brought the property known as Sandbeds to Thomas North in 1798. In 1788, his brother Henry North having contracted to buy Gunnerthwaite and having subsequently become a lunatic, he and his brother John purchased Gunnerthwaite in trust for their brother Henry on 22 November 1788, after which Henry died unmarried and lunatic so that this property became the

¹ Deeds of Major Joseph Gibson, D.S.O., of Barbon.

joint property of Thomas, John and Margaret, brothers and sister of the deceased. On 8 March 1789 Thomas North purchased the shares of his brother and sister and Gunnerthwaite became his property,¹ so that by 1798 he was possessed of three farms, viz. Docker, Gunnerthwaite and Sandbeds. He died on 16 July 1790 (M.I., which gives his age wrongly). He left two surviving children, viz. :

(a) Jane North, living in 1766 ; dead before 1798.

(b) Isabella North, who married William Harrison of Lancaster, soap-boiler and tallowchandler (see Lancaster Freemans' Roll in 1823-4 when his son claimed his freedom). After his marriage he assumed the additional name of North and was known as William Harrison North ; he made his will on 26 August 1811, which was proved at Lancaster on 24 April 1818. He was buried at Whittington on 26 December 1816, aged 55 (Eskrigg Deeds). He was the owner of the Keerside estate in Docker of 132 acres (which he had purchased from the Inclosure Commissioners on 26 March 1814 for £2,894), in addition to the three estates already mentioned. He left two surviving children, viz. :

(I) Mary North, named in her father's will in 1811 ; she died on 1 February 1820 after making her will on 25 October 1819, which was proved at Lancaster on 30 June 1821, by which she left all her property to her mother.

(II) Thomas North, a minor in 1795, named in his father's will in 1811 ; was of Gunnerthwaite on 4 October 1819 ; a Freeman of Lancaster in 1823-4. In 1819, he and his mother raised £10,000 on mortgage of their properties from Thomas Parkinson of Hornby, who died before the mortgage was paid off and under his will

¹ Deeds of Major Joseph Gibson, D.S.O., of Barbon.

his property went to his sisters, one of whom married Matthew Atkinson of Temple Sowerby. Atkinson brought an action in the Duchy of Lancaster Court to recover the money and in 1828 the Court directed the sale of the estates by public auction.

The freehold estate at Docker of 379*a. 3r. 9p.* statute measure had been sold by Isabella North by public auction on 20 November 1817, when it was bought by Mr. Joseph Gibson, the release being signed by Mrs. North on 22 May 1818. This was Lower Docker Hall.

The Sandbeds farm at Eskrigg was also bought by Mr. Gibson.

The Keerside estate after passing through the hands of Thomas Rawsthorne and Jonathan Binns, both of Lancaster, was finally purchased by Alderman William Thompson of Underley Hall.

Gunnerthwaite was sold on 8 September 1828 to Mr. Joseph Gibson of Whelprigg.

After this sale this branch of the Norths disappears.

A. Returning now to Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 27 November 1665, we find him styled "junior de Newton, gentleman"; he married Ellen (Elinor), daughter of William Lonsdale of Whittington. He was buried at Whittington on 17 February 1749-50, having made his will on 21 April 1747 which was proved in the Lonsdale Deanery on 19 May 1750. In it he uses a seal showing: On a chevron between 3 [? fleurs-de-lis], 3 crescents. He left his lands "in the parishes of Whittington and Tunstall and all in the township of Middleton and Overton" to his second son William; legacies to son Robert and to daughters Mary and Elizabeth and to his wife "Elliner." The widow Elin [*sic*] North made her will on 17 May 1751, calling herself of Newton, "widow and relict of Thomas North," by which she left all her property to her daughter Elizabeth, who was also executrix and proved

the will in the Lonsdale Deanery on 27 January 1761; the widow was buried at Whittington on 4 February 1760. This couple had the following children, viz.:

- (1) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 28 December 1690. He went to London and became a brewer in the parish of St. Olave. He was not named in his father's will; but he had a son:
 - (a) Thomas Cox North of Caermarthen, who was called "my late nephew" in the will of Elizabeth North of Hornby in 1789, when she also names his daughter Martha.
- (2) William North, Clerk in Holy Orders, baptized at Whittington on 13 November 1692. Was the executor and devisee of lands under his father's will of 1747. He does not appear to have been married; he made his will on 28 August 1766 and was then of Langford in Essex. He left his estates to his sister Mary for her life and then to be sold. On 27 February 1779, they were sold to Miles North of Whittington.
- (3) John North, baptized at Whittington on 21 April 1695; buried 29 October 1719.
- (4) Miles North, baptized at Whittington on 18 October 1697; buried 30 June 1699.
- (5) Robert North, baptized at Whittington on 29 October 1698; named in his father's will in 1747 for a legacy of £450.
- (6) Miles North, baptized at Whittington on 21 April 1700; buried 2 May 1702.
- (7) Septimus North, baptized at Whittington on 10 May 1703.
- (8) Samuel North, baptized at Whittington on 16 August 1704; buried 20 August 1704.
- (9) Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 7 December 1705; named in her father's will in 1747 for an annuity of £11 for her life; was executrix to her

mother in 1761. She lived at Hornby and made her will on 3 December 1785, which was proved at Lancaster on 8 February 1790; she was buried at Hornby on 11 October 1789, aged 89 [*sic*]. In her will she names Martha North as her [great] niece and daughter of her late nephew Mr. Thomas Cox North; also Mary Anna North, daughter of Miles North, esquire, of Kirkby Lonsdale. She also mentions a niece, Henrietta Hunt, daughter of Charles Hunt, late of Enfield, esquire, deceased.

- (10) Mary North, baptized at Whittington on 23 June and buried 1 August 1707.
- (11) Mary North, baptized at Whittington on 6 September 1708; named in her father's will in 1747. Obtains her brother William's estate in 1766. Died before 1779.
- (12) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 5 November 1709.
- (13) Miles North, baptized at Whittington on 27 November 1711.
- (14) Benjamin North, baptized at Whittington on 9 July 1713.

B. Returning now to Oliver North, baptized at Whittington on 8 July 1640, we find that he married Jennet Jackson at Whittington on 6 July 1671; they were parties to the Fine in Lent term, 24 Charles II [1672] and were of Newton. He was buried at Whittington on 25 January 1723-4 and his wife was buried on 30 August 1729. They had issue:

- (a) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 3 November 1672; died young.
- (b) Robert North, baptized at Whittington on 12 September 1675; buried 24 November 1689.
- (c) Alice North, baptized at Whittington on 29 August 1680.
- (d) Richard North, baptized at Whittington on 18 January; of whom later.

- (e) Ann North, baptized at Whittington on 14 August 1687 ; buried 25 July 1699.
- (f) Thomas North, baptized at Whittington on 26 August 1694 ; buried 13 March 1701-2.

The above-named Richard North, baptized on 18 January 1684-5, was of Newton ; he married Anne Preston (the marriage bond at Lancaster is dated 14 August 1711 and the bride is called *Agnes*), she was buried at Whittington on 10 February 1760 and is called Anne. Richard North became heir at law to Dame Abigail Crofton (*née* Jackson) and was admitted to the Jackson estates in 1764 ; but, as his only son Oliver was then dead, he handed the estates over to his grandson Miles North (see below). He was buried at Whittington on 22 January 1773, aged 88 (M.I. says 89). He had issue :

- (i) Oliver North, baptized at Whittington on 22 June 1712 ; of whom later.
- (ii) Ann North, baptized at Whittington on 4 December 1715 ; buried on 18 December 1769, aged 54 (M.I.).
- (iii) Elizabeth North, baptized at Whittington on 17 December 1721 ; buried 28 May 1722.

The above-named Oliver North, baptized on 22 June 1712, was of Newton ; he married Alice Bordrigge of Whittington on 16 February 1734-5 at Whittington ; she became a co-heir to her brother and had a third share of the manor of Whittington ; she was buried on 16 December 1738. Her husband Oliver died intestate and was buried on 20 March 1761 and administration of his goods was granted to his son Miles North on 25 June 1761.

This Miles North was baptized at Whittington on 9 December 1738. Having received the Jackson estates and inheriting the Newton estates, he resided at Jackson's Hall (now the Royal Hotel) in Kirkby Lonsdale. He inherited one-third of the manor of Whittington from his mother and a second third from his aunt Bordrigge and finally purchased the other third from John Smith of Arkholme, who had obtained it by his

marriage with another Miss Bordrigge. He purchased Thurland Castle and manor from Harry Welch, esquire, on 14 February 1781. He made his will, on 26 November 1784, leaving his estates to his eldest son and giving diverse legacies. He had married Susannah, daughter of Oliver Toulmin¹ (a navy agent in London), on 17 December 1778. She married as her second husband, Richard Reynolds of Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London, barrister-at-law. She died on 1 September 1837, leaving by her first husband the following family, viz. :

- (1) Edward Jackson North, born 23 December 1779 ; died 1 May 1789.
- (2) Mary Anna North, born 7 November 1780 ; of whom later.
- (3) Richard Toulmin North, born 17 January 1782, a Major in the 1st Lancashire Militia, succeeded to the estates and died unmarried on 14 July 1865, aged 83 (M.I.).
- (4) Miles North, born 15 May 1784, was a Lieutenant in the 67th Foot and was lost at sea returning to England in 1809.

The above-named Mary Anna North, born 7 November 1780, was married three times. Firstly, when a ward in Chancery, on 30 August 1798, to David Morgan of Lissom Grove, Marylebone, London, by whom she had issue Mary Anna Morgan, of whom later.

Secondly, she married John Fidkin of Southampton Row, Middlesex, and afterwards of Harrow Weald Lodge, co. Herts, by whom she had a daughter Susannah Fidkin, who died on 5 March 1832, aged 17, unmarried (M.I. in Whittington Church). She married thirdly a Mr. Graham, a half-pay ensign in the 1st Regiment of Foot.

The above-named Mary Anna Morgan, only surviving child, born in June 1799, was married to John Standfast Burton, a surgeon in the H.E.I. Co.'s service from 1806 to 1828, when

¹ These Toulmins came from Bolton-le-Sands.

he retired. The marriage took place in May 1817 and she died in January 1841, leaving a large family, of which the eldest son was :

North Burton, born at Bangalore in 1824 ; an officer in the 32nd B.N.I. from 1840 to 1850. He succeeded to the properties of Major Richard Toulmin North on the death of the latter in 1865 and assumed the name of North by Royal Licence, being known as North North. After some time he sold Thurland Castle and then lived at Newton Hall, which he enlarged ; he died there on 9 April 1910. He was a Deputy-Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Lancashire. He had married, in May 1856, Alicia Gertrude, only daughter of Captain R. L. J. Versturme of the 18th Hussars ; she was born on 9 November 1834 and died on 13 February 1913 (M.I.). They left issue :

- (a) Bordrigge North North, born 16 October 1862, of whom later.
- (b) Louis Aylmer North, born 4 April 1866 ; died in the Boer War unmarried (M.I. in Tunstall Church).
- (c) Edward Bunbury North, C.M.G., born 28 March 1869 ; a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Fusiliers ; is of Old Hall, Milnthorpe, co. Westmorland. Married to Margaret, daughter of John Dundas, M.P., and has issue.
- (d) Piers William North, born 13 March 1871 ; a Major in 3rd battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment ; became a King's Messenger.
- (e) Oliver Henry North, D.S.O., born 28 April 1874 ; is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Lancashire Fusiliers.
- (f) Albert Kenlis North, served as a Captain in the 3rd battalion of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry during the Great War. Married Violet Lumsden. He died on 23 March 1935.
- (g) Alicia Helen North, died unmarried 13 January 1929.

The above-named Brodrigge North North succeeded to the estate and manor of Whittington. He was an officer in the

NORTH OF DOCKER (YEOMEN)

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OLIVER NORTH of Docker, yeoman; paid 6d. on goods worth £3 at the Subsidy of 1543; Will dated 1557, proved 18 Nov. 1557, names eldest son and refers to a sister and 3 daughters by their husbands' names; bur. at Whittington 28 April 1557.

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ANTHONY JENNINGS of Hornby = MARGARET. THOMAS J.
purchased 2 cottages in
Hornby in 1566.

JOHN JENNINGS of Melling sold a cottage in Hornby
to Thomas Barker in 1606.

THOMAS NORTH of Docker, yeoman; eldest son in 1557; Will dated 11 Dec. 1585, pr. 28 Jan. 1585-86 names his wife, 2 daus., 2 grand-children and "Mr. North my landlord"; bur. at Whittington 26 Dec. 1585.

= ANN LABOREY (?)
exix. to her
husband 1585;
bur. at W. 24
June 1603.

A dau., wife of WILLIAM CURWEN.
A dau., wife of RICHARD CHEESMAN.
A dau., wife of ... HEYLTON.

RICHARD NORTH of = ... sister of RICH-
Docker, yeoman; ARD BALEMAN of
Will dated 8 Overkellet who
April, pr. 24 May calls Richard
1627. North "brother"
in his Will, 19
Nov. 1602.

ISABEL N. named in
1585; living 1602;
mar. ROBERT
ROBINSON of Cap-
ernway, who, in
his Will dated 28
Aug. 1602, names
brother Richard N.

... N. = THOMAS
CURWEN
called son-in-
law in
1585.
ELIZABETH C.
named in Will
of grand-
father, 1585.

JANE N. bur. at
Halton as dau. of
Thos. N of Docker
16 March 1617-18.

THOMAS NORTH of Docker, =
yeoman; bap. at Whit- AGNES ...
tington 26 Feb. 1579-80; bur. at Whit-
named in Will of 1585; tington
exor. to his father 1627; 16 Sept.
deponent, aged 60, in a 1658.
lawsuit in 1638; bur. at
Whittington, 4 Oct. 1658.

ELIZABETH N. =
bap. at Whit- THOMAS ROBINSON
tington 1 Oct. called son-in-law
1582; named in Will of Richard
1585; mar. North, in 1627.
at Whitting-
ton, 28 July
1599.

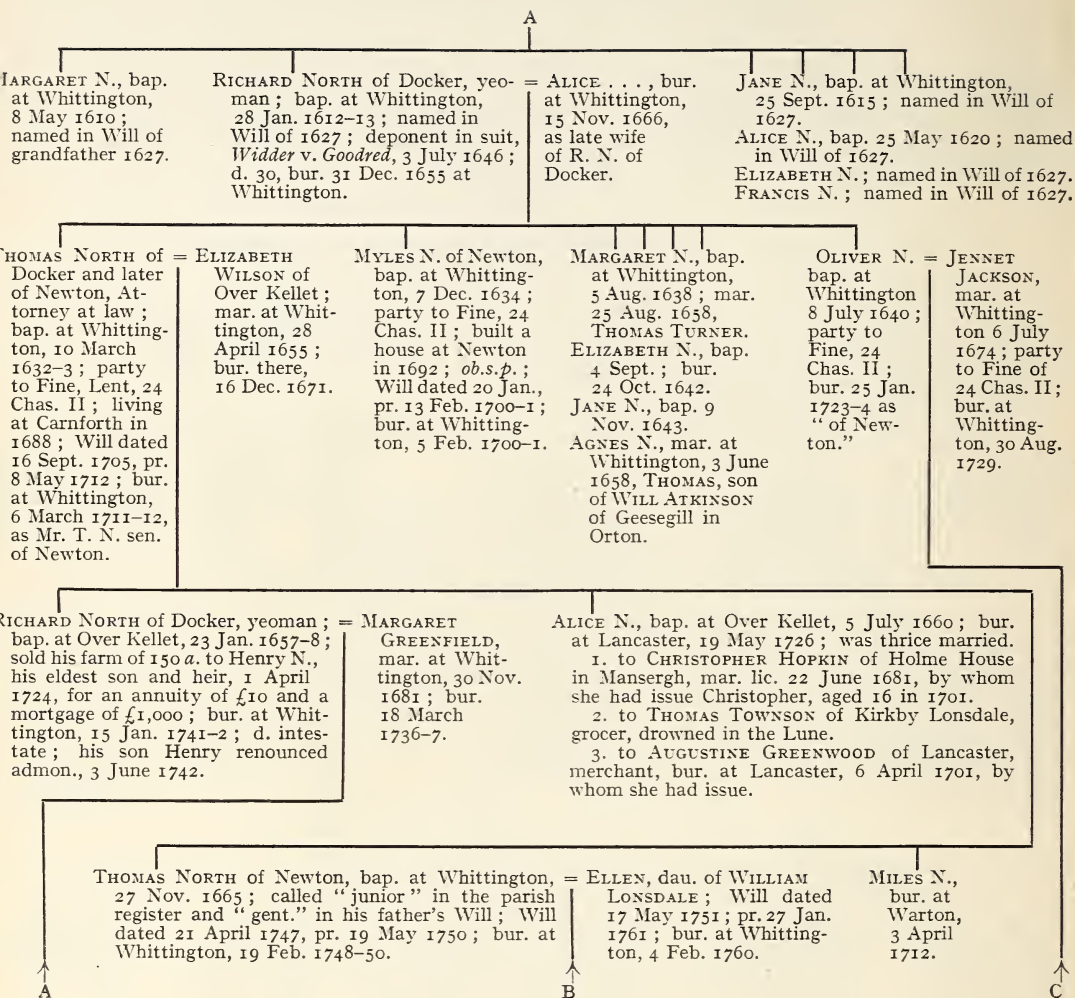
JANE N. = THOMAS
named in WIDDER of
1585; Over Kellet;
residuary d. 1623 in-
legatee to testate, his
to her father widow and
1627. Richard N.
sign Admon.
Bond.

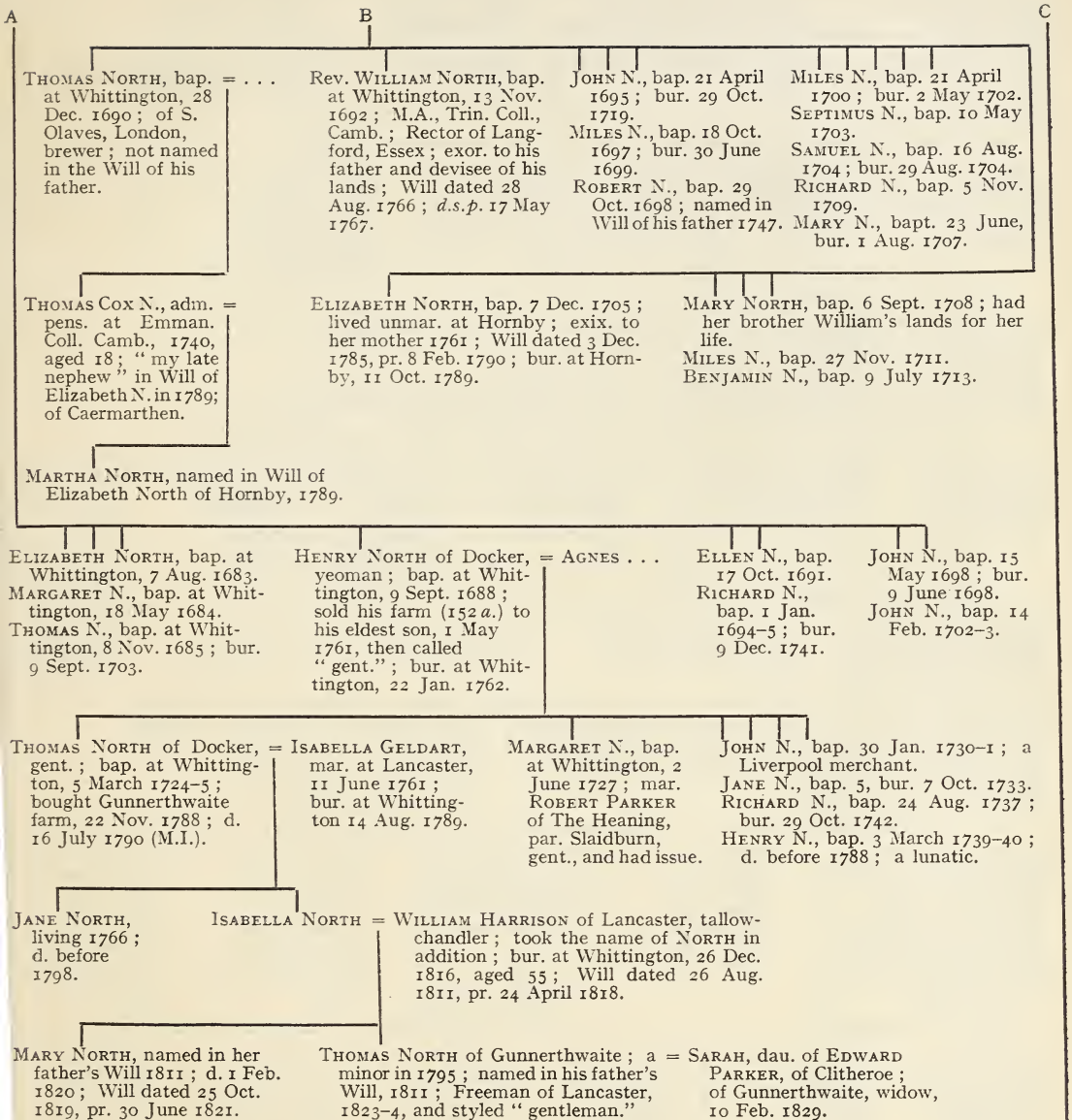
ROBERT R. of Capernway in 1627.

RICHARD N. = MARGARET WIDDER,
2nd son, exor. sister of Thomas
and a residuary W. of Over Kellet,
legatee in 1627; who d. 1623, owing
bap. at Whit- £12 to Richard N.
tington 11 Aug. for her marriage
1588; "yeo- portion.
man" 1623.

OLIVER N. of Newton; bap. at =
Whittington 9 Aug. 1592; AGNES HIRDSON,
named in 1627 as having mar. at Whit-
received his share of goods; Will tington, 20
dated 27 Sept., pr. 11 Nov. 1613, March 1606-7;
names bro. Thomas and wife she mar. 2ndly,
Agnes, who is to have lands in Richard Jack-
Newton for life; *ob.s.p.*, bur. at son, 1 March
Whittington, 1 Oct. 1613. 1616-17.

ANN N., bap.
at Whittington
16 Feb. 1594-5;
bur. 6 April
1597.





RICHARD NORTH,
bap. 3 Nov. 1672.
Died young.
ROBERT NORTH,
bap. 12 Sept. 1675;
bur. 24 Nov. 1689.
ALICE N.,
bap. 29 Aug. 1680.

RICHARD N. of Newton; bap. = ANNE PRESTON;
at Whittington, 18 Jan. called "AGNES"
1684-5; heir-at-law to the in Mar. Bond,
Jackson estates in 1764; 14 Aug. 1711;
bur. 22 Jan. 1773, aged 89 bur. 18 Feb. 1760
(M.I.). (M.I.).

ANN NORTH,
bap. 14 Aug. 1687;
bur. 25 July 1699.
THOMAS N.,
bap. 26 Aug. 1694;
bur. 13 March 1701-2.

OLIVER NORTH, bap. at Whittington, = ALICE, dau. of JAMES
22 June 1712; bur. 20 March 1761, BORDRIGG of Whittington;
aged 49 (M.I.); administration of bap. 4 Jan. 1707-8; mar.
goods granted to son, Miles N., 16 Feb. 1734-5; bur. 16 Dec.
25 June 1761. 1738, aged 31 (M.I.).

ANN NORTH,
bap. 4 Dec. 1715;
bur. 18 Dec. 1769,
aged 54 (M.I.).
ELIZABETH N.,
bap. 17 Dec. 1721;
bur. 28 May 1722.

MILES NORTH, only son and heir; bap. at = SUSANNAH, dau. of OLIVER TOULMIN
Whittington, 9 Dec. 1738; of Kirkby of London; mar. 17 Dec. 1778;
Lonsdale; Lord of the Manor of West- d. 1 Dec. 1837.
hall; purchased Thurland Castle and She married 2ndly RICHARD REYNOLDS
Manor 14 Feb. 1781; Will dated 26 Nov. of Conway Street, Fitzroy Square,
1784, pr. 15 May 1795; d. in May 1795. London, Barrister-at-Law.

EDWARD JACKSON
NORTH, born
23 Dec. 1779;
d. 1 May 1789.

MARY ANNA NORTH, = 1. DAVID MORGAN = 2. JOHN FIDKIN = 3. . . GRAHAM,
born 7 Nov. 1780; of Marylebone, of Southamp- a half-pay
a ward in Chan- London, Esq., ton Row, officer, 1st
cery; mar. thrice. mar. 30 Aug. Middlesex, Regt. of
1798. gent., later of Foot.

RICHARD TOUL-
MIN N., Major,
1st R. Lancs. Militia; born
7 Jan. 1782;
d. s.p. 14 July 1865, aged 83.

MARY ANNA MORGAN = JOHN STANDFAST BURTON,
only surv. child, born Surgeon, H.E.I.C., from
June 1799; mar. May 1806 to 1828, when he
1817; d. in Jan. 1841. retired.

SUSANNAH FIDKIN,
d. 5 March 1832,
aged 17 (M.I.).

MILES N.,
Lieut., 67th Foot; born 15
May 1784; lost at sea 1809.

NORTH BURTON, born at Bangalore in April 1824; inherited = ALICIA GERTRUDE, only dau. of
the estates of his great-uncle, R. T. North, and assumed the Capt. R. L. J. VERSTURME,
name of NORTH; served in the Indian Army (22 B.N.I.); 18th Hussars; born 9 Nov.
D.L. and J.P.; sold Thurland Castle and lived at Newton 1834; mar. 15 May 1856;
Hall; d. 9 April 1910 (M.I.). d. 13 Feb. 1913 (M.I.).

Other issue.

BORDRIGG NORTH NORTH, = 1. MAUD MABELLA, = 2. WINIFRED EVELYN,
born 16 Oct. 1862; Lt.- dau. of CLEMENT
Col. and hon. Col. JOHN COULT-
K.O.R. Lanc. Regt.; HURST of Gar-
served in the Sudan, S. grave House;
African and the Great mar. in 1895; d.
War; Brig.-Gen., C.B., 25 Dec. 1900.
M.V.O., J.P., D.L.; d. 18 June 1936.

2. WINIFRED EVELYN,
dau. of CLEMENT
UPTON-COTTRELL-
DORNER of Ingmire
Hall, Westmorland.

LOUIS AYLMEY N.,
born 11 April 1866; Capt. R.
Scots Fus.; d. of wounds in S. Africa, 1901.
ALICE HELEN N.,
d. unmar. 13 Jan. 1929.

EDWARD BUNBURY N., born 28 March 1869; Lt.-Col. 3 Bn. R. Fusil.; C.M.G., D.S.O.; mar. MARGARET, d. of JOHN DUNDAS, M.P., and has issue.

JOHN BRABYN NORTH, born 6 Dec. 1896; d. at Toulon, 17 May 1921.

EDWARD TEMPEST = MARY, dau. of
TUNSTALL THOMAS W.
NORTH, M.P., WILKINSON
born 31 Jan. of Curwen
1900. Woods,
Westmorland.

PIERS WILLIAM N., born 13 March 1871; D.S.O., M.V.O.

OLIVER HENRY N., D.S.O.; born 28 April 1874; Lt.-Col. Lancs. Fus.

ALBERT KENLIS N., born 4 Sept. 1876; Major 4 Bn., Oxf. L.I.; mar. VIOLET, dau. of Br.-Gen. F. W. LUMSDEN, V.C.

King's Own Lancaster Regiment and served in the Sudan Expedition of 1885-6 ; in the Boer War and in the Great War. He was a Brigadier-General, a Commander of the Bath and a member of the Victorian Order, a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace. He married twice, viz. firstly, in 1895 Maud Mabella, only child of John Coulthurst of Gargrave House, Yorks., who died in 1900, leaving issue two sons ; secondly, to Winifred Evelyn, daughter of Clement Upton-Cottrel-Dormer of Ingmire Hall, co. Westmorland, by whom he has one daughter. He died on 18 June 1936, leaving issue :

- (1) John Brabyn North, who died unmarried at Toulon in France on 17 May 1921, aged 24.
- (2) Edward Tempest Tunstall North, born in 1900, a Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars. On 12 July 1928 he was married at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London, to Mary Scott Wilkinson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilkinson of Curwen Woods, Westmorland.
- (3) Dorothy North.

CHAPTER XI

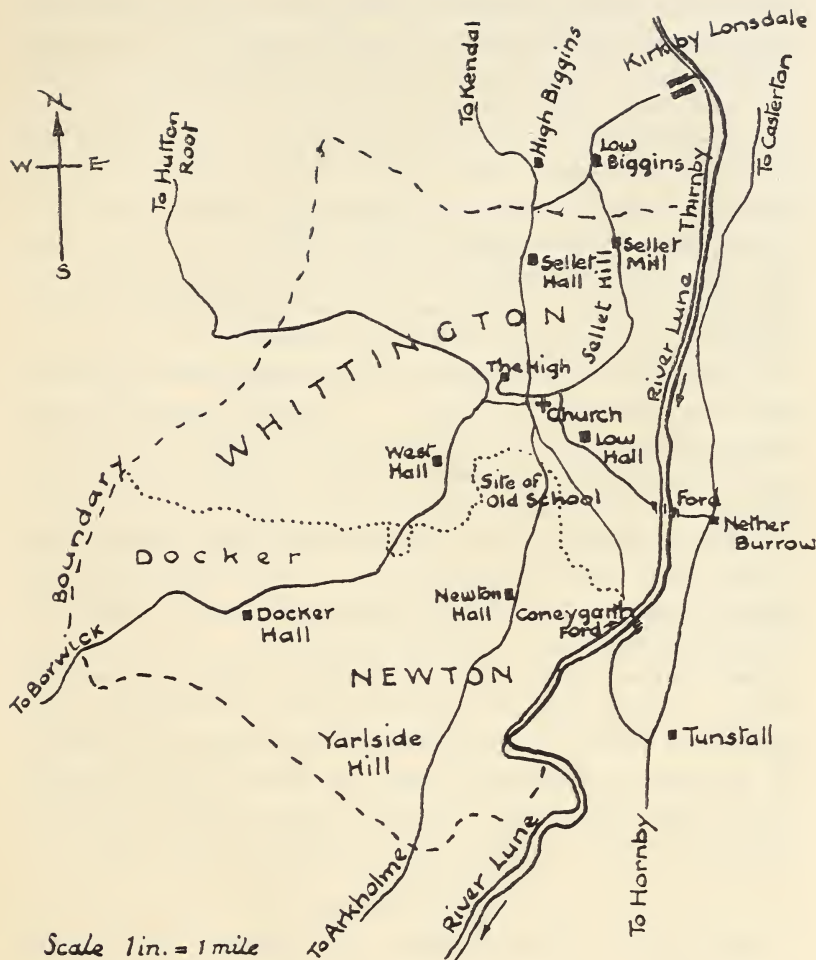
THE ANCIENT ROADS AND MILLS OF WHITTINGTON

THE two oldest roads in Whittington are, in all probability, the two lanes coming up from Burrow Mill Ford and from Coneygarth Ford ; the first would be a communication coming from Overtown, a site on the old Roman Road behind or east of the present Burrow Hall, whilst the second would communicate through Tunstall with Burton-in-Lonsdale and through Melling with Hornby.

The lane from Coneygarth Ford passed through the present Whittington Park and proceeded up to the church where the road branched. The northern branch, passing the church at the west end, proceeded up Hosticle Lane, past Sellet Hall and through Upper Biggins, throwing off a branch road by Lower Biggins to Kirkby Lonsdale, which it approached through Bitchelgate (now called Mitchelgate).

The western branch of this road passed below Whittington church through the north wing of the present Whittington Hall where it bifurcated, sending a branch south and one north ; the southern branch led to West Hall, from whence it passed along what is now a footpath to Docker and from thence, following the valley of the Keer, to Borwick. The northern branch soon turned west and gave communication with Hutton Roof, Burton-in-Kendal and the Yealands.

The road from Burrow Mill Ford, after passing Low Hall, ran through the village, then turning sharply to the west rose steeply to join the other road near the church and Hosticle Lane ; but had thrown off a secondary road leading to Sellet Mill and Holme House and was probably continued as a



MAP SHOWING THE ANCIENT ROADS IN THE PARISH OF WHITTINGTON

Scale 1 inch = 1 mile

footpath to Kirkby Lonsdale. This road is the one mentioned in the *Cockersand Chartulary* as the Scathgate (i.e. the rough road), and as late as the year 1713 it is referred to, in a deed, as "the lane leading from Holmehouse to Whittington." At Sellet Mill it turned at right angles past the mill going uphill to join the branch from Hosticle Lane at Lower Biggins ; it was much used in former days to bring corn from Upper and Lower Biggins, to be ground at Sellet Mill, but it is now (1934) in a very neglected state at its lower end near the mill-pond, within Whittington parish, owing to the neglect of that Parish Council to carry out the necessary repairs.

A very ancient road enters the township from Arkholme and runs northward to Newton. It originally passed through the grounds of the modern Newton Hall ; but in quite recent years it has been diverted slightly to the east so as to give more privacy to this Hall. From Newton Hall it held on its northern course up to where the old village school stood ; here it passed the school, crossed what is now the Park up to the church, where it joined Hosticle Lane and was the main road between Arkholme and Kirkby Lonsdale.

Such appear to have been the medieval roads ; but with the advent of more rapid communication, in the last half of the eighteenth century, many alterations took place. By linking up the lanes and widening them, the present turnpike-roads, as we know them, were evolved ; this evolution is now in progress to fit the turnpike roads to take motor traffic.

THE MILLS

Although the manor of Thirnby was abolished in the twelfth century, yet by one of the ironies of history the only mill in Whittington which has survived the mutations of the centuries is the mill of this abolished manor, no longer known as Thirnby Mill but as Sellet Mill, which is a manifest misnomer, as Sellet was never a manor. It is situated close to Holmehouse farm, which was the original pele tower of Thirnby manor.

It still has its ancient mill-pond, fed by a precarious stream issuing from Thirnbby Well and by some small ones from the base of Great Sellet Hill which are collected in a trench and led to the pond ; but it has been somewhat modernized by the addition of a steam-plant so that milling can go on even when the water is low.

During the early part of the nineteenth century this mill ground all the corn grown near the Biggins, which was brought down the lane running from Lower Biggins to the mill, and the mill was said to have been kept very busy ; but the lower part of this lane has been allowed to fall into grave disrepair, so that no carts can now pass that way, and it is even difficult for foot-passengers.

The mill of the manor of Lathebote or Garneygarth appears to have been situated south of the Burrow Mill Lane as there are closes of land there bearing the names of Mill Close and Mill Holme ; but all traces of the mill buildings have disappeared.

The mill of the manor of Newton has also disappeared ; but there again close to and east of Newton Gate are fields called Mill Area and Mill Lands, both abutting on Newton Beck, which would be the source of power for this mill.

The mill of the manor of West Hall has also been completely wiped out ; but it was situated to the east and in front of West Hall in what is now the park of Whittington Hall, where there are fields called Mill Cut, Mill Field and Dam Meadow.

Thus the old symbols of lordship—mills and dove-cotes—have passed away and some of the picturesque in life seems to have gone with them.



APPENDIX

WHITTINGTON MANOR

1. *Boundary walked on 22nd September 1804, by Thomas Tunstall Picard [a solicitor of Kirkby Lonsdale] and others*

Begining at Coney Garth Ford then to Fleeming Lane and Kirkgates across a lane to Banks Close and so to Outfields ; thence to South corner of Dawneyfields (the South corner of which is a boundary mark between Whittington and Tunstall Lordships) to Manrow from Dawnyfield to the upper end of Mort Intack—thence to Methody Quarry and so to Hardy Nook ; thence to corner of Long Intack down to a Greystone in Longfield ; along an old ditch to the watercourse leading to the corner of Mr North's Intak and down the watercourse to the bottom of Hardy's Intack and crossing Hannah Bank below where an old barn stood to a well called Cistern Well and from this to a corner of Mr Wilson's land where an old Lime kiln formerly stood ; from thence to a Grey stone ¹ in Thirnby wood ; from thence to the County stone near the river Lune and from thence down the Westside of the river Lune to Coney Garth ford where we began.

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2. *Boundary walked on 13th July 1855*

(Richard Toulmin North, Lord^d of the Manor of Whittington)

Begining at the Devil's Neck Collar on the West side of the river Lune near Kirkby Lonsdale [Old] Bridge and down the West side of said river to the corner of Mansergh Paddock at Coneygarth Ford, thence up the lane to the second boundary

¹ This stone is a very large erratic boulder left by the ice-age in Thirnby Wood.

stone and following the lane to Shaws Close then on the Outside of the said close to Fleam Lands and then to Bolster Lands keeping on the outside till where an old fence formerly stood where a hole was dug then turning northwards about forty yards to another hole, thence turning West and crossing Newton Beck following an old fence to the old course of Newton Beck to the South Corner of a Field called Kirk Gates keeping by the said Fence to the aforesaid Beck and up the Beck to a fence between Low Kirk Gates and Turtle Gill and thence to the Road from Kirkby Lonsdale to Lancaster crossing the said road to Thindleber and following the Gutter till the Boundary Fence betwixt the Whittington Hall Demesne and the Low Hall Estate, thence to Godsalue Close following the boundary between the Whittington Hall Lands and Mr Burrow's High Grassin and following the Boundary Fence betwixt Mr Greene and Mr North Mr Leadbitter and Mr James Cragg to the road leading to Outfield thence to Outfield Moss round Rears Croft to the South Corner of Dawney Field otherwise Elms Close thence up the Fence which divides Red Car Wood from West Hall Park Wood and up a fence to the Fence next below New Park Plantation and on the South side of the Wall of the said Plantation to the West corner of North Lots and thence turning to the North to Methody Quarry and to the Boundary Stone in the Road leading from Dalton to Kirkby Lonsdale and so in a straight line to Hardy Nook and Longfield Tarn down to a greystone in Longfield and thence to the Ordnance Mark at the Bottom of Coffin Close following the fence to North's Intake and down the watercourse to the bottom of Hardy's Intack crossing Hannah Bank by the foundation of an old Barn and in a straight line by Cistern Well to the Boundary Stone in Biggins Lane, crossing the said Lane and the Lane below to a double Ash tree standing in the fence and so to Thirby Well crossing the Lane and following the Fence to the corner of Lime Kiln Field crossing the corner of Lime Kiln Field and below the

Limestone Quarry to a large Greystone in Thirnby Wood thence to the Boundary Stone in the Road leading from Whittington to Kirkby Lonsdale and thence to the Devil's Neck Collar where the perambulation commenced.

(Signed) Richard James Davids, Thomas Colborne, clerk to Francis Pearson, steward of the said Manor, John Procter, Thomas Kidd, Willm. Hayhurst, Richard James, John Borrow.

3. *A list of Tenants of the Manor of Whittington on the Settlement of the Customs on 20 October 1654*

William Bordrigg, the elder, a messuage and tenement of 14s. 7d. rent and one day's ploughing or 2s. 6d. service.

Thomas Johnson, the elder, a mess. and tenem^t of 13s. 9½d. rent and one day's ploughing or 2s. 6d. service.

Thomas Johnson, the younger, a mess. and tenem^t of 13s. 8d. rent and one day's ploughing or 2s. 6d. service.

William Bordrigg, the younger, a mess. and tenem^t of 10s. 2d. rent and one day's ploughing or 2s. 6d. service.

Robert Robinson, a tenem^t of 6s. 7d. rent and 3 Hens service.

Thomas Robinson, a tenem^t of 6s. 1½d. rent and 2 Hens and 1 Chicken service.

Edward Cockin, a tenem^t of 3s. 2d. rent and 1 Hen and 1 Chicken service.

Richard Taylor, a messuage of 1s. rent and 1 Hen service.

Edmond Adcoke, a tenem^t of 1s. 11d. rent and 1 Hen service.

Matthew Beetham, a tenem^t of 2s. 3d. rent and 1 Hen service.

Bryan Dawney, one close (parcel of the Banks) of 2s. rent and 1 Hen service.

Henry Robinson, one close of 4d. rent.

William Sclator, one close of 2d. rent.

Miles Aykrigg, one close of 4d. rent.

Elizabeth Pagett, certain closes of 2s. 7d. rent and 1 Hen service.

John Bland, one close of 1s. 2d. and 1 Chicken service.

James Hardy, one tenem^t of 6d. rent and 1 Chicken service.

John Burrow, one messuage or tenement of 8*d.* rent and 1 Hen service.

John Cockin, one messuage of 1*s.* 6*d.* rent and 1 Hen service.

John Leake, one messuage of 6*s.* 8*d.* rent.

James Whitehead [of Halton], one mess. and tenement of 5*s.* 3*d.* rent and 2 Hens service.

Henry Johnson [of Casterton Hall], one mess. and tenement of 1*s.* 5½*d.* rent and 1 Hen service.

John Foxcroft, one tenement [Holmehouse] of 8*s.* 0*d.* rent.

Marmaduke Jagger [of Kirkby Lonsdale], one close of 6*d.* rent.

Edward Lightburne [of Upper Biggins], one tenement of 10*d.* rent.

Isaac Jackson [of Warton], one mess. or tenement of 3*s.* 0*d.* rent and 1 Hen and 1 Chicken service.

James Melling, one mess. or tenement of [torn] *s.* 4*d.* and 1 Hen service.

When the Decree of 1663 was made in the Duchy Court we find the same tenants named except that Rowland Bordrigg as son and heir had succeeded William Bordrigg, the elder, and Thomas Johnson, the elder, had been succeeded by his son and heir John Johnson.

4. *Tithes*

Apportionment of Rent-charge in lieu of Tithes in the Parish of Whittington, co. Lancaster

Award approved by the Tithe Commissioners on 11 May 1848

John Job Rawlinson of Graythwaite, co Lancaster, Barrister-at-Law, sworn as Assistant Tithe Commissioner, finds the estimated quantity of land to be :

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Arable Land | 600 acres |
| Meadow or Pasture | 3,487 „ |
| Woodland | 240 „ |
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| Total | <u>4,327 „</u> |

The glebe lands of the Rector containing 5*a.* 3*r.* 33*p.* are exempt from tithe.

There is an ancient custom that all the occupiers of Land, in the Division of Newton with Docker together with the Ancient Farm of Westhall formerly reputed parcel thereof (situated wholly within the parish of Whittington), or that some or one part of such occupiers on behalf of all of them should pay to the Rector of the said parish, his Lessee or Farmer, yearly at the feast of St Michael the Archangel the sum of £2 5*s.* 6½*d.* in lieu of Tithes of Hay arising or accruing upon all the lands of the said Division and Ancient Farm.

And that throughout all the residue of the Titheable Lands of the said Parish there is payable to the Rector 9*d.* for every acre of Hay Grass (of the ancient Lancashire measure of seven yards to the perch) mown between the river Lune and the ancient Highway from Kirkby Lonsdale to the Borough of Lancaster, which lands are on the east side of the said Highway.

And 6*d.* for every acre of like Lancashire measure of Hay Grass mown on the western side of the said ancient Highway instead of the tithes of hay in kind.

And throughout all the titheable Lands of the said Parish there is payable 4*d.* for every foal instead of tithe of foals.

And that all the lands of the said parish are subject to the payment of all manner of tithes in kind as aforesaid.

He awards £400 as the value of the Tithes yearly to the Rector to be paid in lieu of all tithes in kind or moduses, compositions and customary payments.

Summary of Whittington Landowners and Tithe payable in 1848

| Owners. | Lands. | | | Tithe. | | |
|--|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. |
| Armistead, Dorothy | . | I | . | . | 1 | 9 |
| Askew, Edward | I | 2 | 36 | . | 3 | 2 |
| Bradley, John | I | . | 23 | . | 7 | 2 |
| Burrow, Robert. | 122 | 2 | 37 | 17 | 3 | 11 |
| Chambers, James | . | 3 | 12 | . | 2 | 6 |
| Croft, Robert | 3 | 3 | 6 | . | 8 | 5 |
| Cragg, Edward | . | 2 | 17 | . | 3 | 3 |
| Dowbiggin, Richard | 5 | 1 | 35 | . | 11 | 4 |
| Dyson, Miss | 110 | . | 7 | 10 | 15 | 7 |
| Dixon, Margaret | . | 3 | 16 | . | 6 | . |
| Gregg, Messrs. | 3 | 1 | . | . | 15 | 3 |
| Gathorne, Rev ^d Richard | 90 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Green, Thomas, Esq ^r | 599 | 4 | 28 | 43 | 13 | 9 |
| Hornby, Edmund, Esq ^r | 68 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 3 |
| Hayhurst, Thomas | 1 | 3 | 13 | . | 2 | . |
| Holme, | 3 | 3 | 35 | . | 4 | 4 |
| Johnson, Thomas | 39 | 9 | 22 | 4 | 16 | 11 |
| Johnson, John | 2 | 3 | 26 | . | 8 | 9 |
| Kirkby Lonsdale, Poor of | 22 | . | 5 | 3 | 15 | 1 |
| Lonsdale, Earl of | 114 | 4 | 18 | 7 | 0 | 8 |
| Long, Rev ^d James Long, his heirs | 231 | 3 | 27 | 21 | 7 | 4 |
| North, Rich ^d Toulmin, Esq ^r | 429 | 2 | 12 | 36 | 16 | 2 |
| Nicholson, | 32 | . | 18 | . | 11 | 10 |
| Pearson, Francis | 10 | . | 11 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Robinson, Jane | 25 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 18 | . |
| Robinson, Thomas | . | 2 | 31 | . | 2 | 3 |
| Smith, John Leadbitter | 15 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Sinkinson, Edward | 1 | 2 | 4 | . | 9 | 6 |
| Thornton, William | 9 | . | 30 | . | 10 | 6 |
| Thornton, Butler | 76 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 6 | 9 |
| Tomlinson, Anthony Battersby | 99 | . | 28 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Thompson, William, Esq ^r | 23 | . | 5 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Wilson, Will ^m Wilson Carus, Esq ^r | 222 | 2 | 24 | 38 | 13 | 8 |
| Wilson, Rev ^d Will ^m Carus | . | 3 | 19 | . | 3 | . |
| Whittington School, Trustees of | 12 | 2 | 33 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Whittington Township | 2 | . | 4 | . | . | . |
| Whittington, Poor of | 1 | 2 | 27 | . | 2 | 11 |
| Whittington Church | 6 | 2 | 8 | . | . | . |
| Widows, Poor, Trustees of | 1 | . | 4 | . | 1 | 3 |
| | 2,399 | 1 | 39 | 235 | 4 | 11 |

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here ?

Summary of Newton with Docker

| Owners. | Lands. | | | Tithe. | | |
|--|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. |
| Arkholme Chapel, Curate of | 31 | . | 28 | 2 | 16 | 9 |
| Bradley, John | 79 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Burrow, Robert. | 76 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | . |
| Barrow, George | 14 | 2 | 34 | 1 | . | 5 |
| Cragg, Edward | 15 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Cragg, James | 39 | . | 24 | 4 | 16 | 8 |
| Cook, Rev ^d Robert | 8 | 3 | 8 | . | 19 | 3 |
| Cragg's Trustees | 30 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Green, Thomas, Esq ^r | 15 | . | 27 | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| Gibson, Joseph, Esq ^r | 206 | 3 | 39 | 23 | 17 | 3 |
| Hornby, Edmund, Esq ^r | . | . | 23 | . | . | 4 |
| Hodgson, | . | 2 | 25 | . | 2 | 10 |
| Hodgson, John | 18 | . | 18 | 1 | 19 | 1 |
| Johnson, Robert | . | 1 | 39 | . | . | 10 |
| Long, Rev ^d James Long, his heirs | 273 | 1 | 36 | 20 | 16 | 9 |
| Newton with Docker Township | 2 | 1 | 30 | . | . | . |
| North, Rich ^d Toulmin, Esq ^r | 615 | 3 | 17 | 64 | 5 | 1 |
| North, Rich ^d T., Esq ^r , John Lead- bitter and Robert Burrow | . | . | 26 | . | . | . |
| Pearson, John Bagot | . | 2 | 36 | . | . | 6 |
| Pearson, John Bagot and Alex- ander Pearson | 2 | 2 | 33 | . | 1 | 6 |
| Procter, James | 33 | . | 15 | 3 | 13 | 4 |
| Smith, John Leadbitter | 65 | 3 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| Swainson, Newman | 19 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Tomlinson, Thomas | 28 | . | 10 | 1 | 12 | 2 |
| Thompson, William, Esq ^r | 343 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 2 |
| Willan, James | . | . | 35 | . | . | 6 |

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| 1,912 | 2 | 37 | 164 | 15 | 1 |
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| Whittington | 2,399 <i>a</i> . | 1 <i>r</i> . | 39 <i>p</i> . | pays | £235 | 4 <i>s</i> . | 11 <i>d</i> . |
| Newton with Docker | 1,912 <i>a</i> . | 2 <i>r</i> . | 37 <i>p</i> . | „ | £164 | 15 <i>s</i> . | 1 <i>d</i> . |

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| Total | 4,312 <i>a</i> . | 0 <i>r</i> . | 36 <i>p</i> . | pays | £400 | 0 <i>s</i> . | 0 <i>d</i> . |
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5. *Lay Subsidies—P.R.O. 131/314*

1 Charles I [1625-6]

WHITTINGTON, NEWTON AND DOCKER.

| | Value. | Paid. |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Thomas Carus, esq ^r , in terr. | £2 | 8s. 0d. |
| John Baynes, esq ^r , convict recusante, in terr. | 26s. 8d. | 10s. 8d. |
| Elline the wife of Samuell Lamberte in terr. | 53s. 4d. | 10s. 8d. |
| Tho: Brabine, gen:, in terr. | £4 | 16s. 0d. |
| W ^m Brabine, gen:, in terr.. . . . | £2 | in warde. |
| George Sigswicke, in terr. | 26s. 8d. | 5s. 4d. |
| Thomas Carter, in terr. | 20s. | 4s. 0d. |
| John Carter, in terr. | 20s. | 4s. 0d. |
| Rich: Huttone, in terr. | 20s. | 4s. 0d. |
| John Johnston in bonis | £3 | 8s. 0d. |
| Rowlande Bordrigge in bo: | £3 | 8s. 0d. |
| Bryane Blande in bo: | £3 | 8s. 0d. |
| Richard Northe in bo: | £3 | 8s. 0d. |
| Robte Jakeson in bo: | £3 | 8s. 0d. |

Recusantes

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Margreate Lambdon | by pole | 8d. |
| Hellen Lambdon | „ „ | 8d. |
| George Middleton | „ „ | 8d. |
| Henry Brabbyne, gen: | „ „ | 8d. |
| Ann his wyfe | „ „ | 8d. |
| Jane the wyfe of Tho: Brabbine | by pole | 8d. |
| Jo: Northe, gent: | „ „ | 8d. |
| Margreat his wife | „ „ | 8d. |
| Richard Northe his son | „ „ | 8d. |
| Tho: Northe his son | „ „ | 8d. |
| Alice Northe his daughter | „ „ | 8d. |
| Margarie Northe his daughter | „ „ | 8d. |
| Hellen Northe his daughter | „ „ | 8d. |
| Robte Bower | „ „ | 8d. |
| Thomas Pickeringe, gent. | „ „ | 8d. |
| Fraunces his wyfe | „ „ | 8d. |

Suma v^{li} xiijs iiij^d

6. *Lay Subsidies*—*P.R.O.* 131/327

4 Charles I [1628-9]

The list is similar to the foregoing one ; but John Johnston and Richard North have disappeared from the first part, and Thomas North and John Houseman appear.

The recusants appear to be 10 in number (one or two names cannot be read). Henry Brabin does not appear at all.

7. *Lay Subsidies*—*P.R.O.* 132/337

16 Charles I [1640-1]

| | Value. | Paid. |
|---|------------|-------------|
| [<i>One name erased</i>] | | |
| Joñes Baynes ar: rec. conv. in terr. | £3 | £2 8s. 0d. |
| Robtus Eskrigg pro parte Henrici Brabbin | | |
| terr. in terr: | £4 | £1 12s. 0d. |
| heredes Wiñm Brabin de Docker in custod. | | |
| dñi Reg. | — | — |
| heñes Georg. Sigswick in terris | £1 6s. 8d. | 10s. 8d. |
| Ričus Hutton in terris | £1 | 8s. 0d. |
| Joñes Carter in terris | £1 | 8s. 0d. |
| Thomas Oxcliffe in terris | £1 | 8s. 0d. |
| Thomas North in bonis | £3 | 16s. 0d. |
| Wiñmus Bordrigg in bonis | £3 | 16s. 0d. |
| Bryanns Bland sen ^r in bonis | £3 | 16s. 0d. |
| Robert Jackson in bonis | £3 | 16s. 0d. |
| Thomas Johnson in bonis | £3 | 16s. 0d. |
| | | £9 14s. 8d. |

Reçus et non com^{ts}

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Anna ux: Thome Carus, arm: | 16d. |
| Ellina Lampton et Margreta Lampton spins. | 2s. 8d. |
| Ellina Baynes et Margreta Baynes spins ^{ts} | 2s. 8d. |
| Henricus Brabin et Anna ux: eius. | 2s. 8d. |
| Ričus North et Lucia ux: eius | 2s. 8d. |
| Joñes North et Alis filia eius | 2s. 8d. |
| | <u>14s. 8d.</u> |

8. *P.R.O. Duchy of Lancaster, Pleadings, 31A.3*

To the right honourable Sir John Gates, K.G., &c., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. [*Note.*—Sir John Gates was made chancellor in 1552 and was executed in 1553.]

Your poor orator John Adcoke, lawfully seised of a tenement in Whytyngdon in the county of Lancaster, received the issues of the same peacefully for three or four years until the 12th March in the 6th year of the King's reign that now is [1552], when "one Bryan Newton of his evell disposed mynde entred into the barne of the said tenemente and ther wrongfully toke of the goodes of your poore orator certayn grayn of every kynde" and conveyed it to his own use or sold it to others, receiving at least £7. Your orator has thus been "dysapoynted of his smaule provicion" and discredited with those to whom he had sold the said grain "commynge and growyng of your poore orators ferme and inned at his propre cost and charges."

9. *Abstracts of Deeds in the Manchester Public Library*

1. Deed Poll dated 18 Nov. 14 James I. A.D. 1616 by John Thompson of Arholme co. Lancaster, milner. Consideration £15 10s. Sale to Thomas North son to Richard North of Docker, co. Lancaster, yeoman, of One close parcel of John Thompson's tenement commonly called Snabb (1½a.) lying in Arkholme. To Have & to Hold to said Thomas North his heirs &c. Yielding the annual rent of 12d. to the Lord of the Manor of Hornby & fines &c. according to the custom of the manor. (Signed by mark.)

Allowed by us: Christopher Carus, Thomas Morley, . . .
wager, James Redmayne.

2. Deed Poll dated 13 December 23 Charles II. [1671] by Oliver North of Newton, co. Lancaster, yeoman. Consideration £10. Sale, with the consent of Thomas Lord Morley & Mounteagle, to John Corte of Ergholme co. Lancaster, yeoman,

of a close called Upfield parrock ($\frac{1}{2}a.$) lying in the townfields of Ergholme of the annual rent of 6*d.* To Have & to Hold to John Corte his heirs &c. according to the custom of the manor of Hornby. (*signed*) OLIVER NORTH.

Witnesses : Josias Morley, Will: Turner, John Batty, Wiſhem Townson, Ignatius Morley.

3. Deed Poll dated 13 December, 23 Charles II A.D. 1671, by Oliver North of Newton, co. Lancaster, yeoman. Consideration £10 paid by John Batty of Docker Park in Caywood, co. Lancaster, yeoman. Sale, with the consent of Thomas Lord Morley &c., of All that close called Snabb ($1\frac{1}{2}a.$) lying in Ergholme and held under the customary rent of one shilling, to John Batty. To Have & to Hold to John Batty his heirs &c. according to the custom of the manor of Hornby. (*signed*) OLIVER NORTH.

Witnesses : Josias Morley, Will: Turner, Joh. Corte, Wiſhem Townson, Ignatius Morley.

10. *Somerset House—Richmond Wills—Lonsdale Deanery*

(a) Abstract of Will, dated 7 Feb. 1580, of Brayan Dawney of Whittington.

To be buried at Whittington.

To my son Symond Dawney, husbandry gear, 3 arkes &c.

To Franc' Hirdson, my son in law, chist which came from Westhall.

To my parish church 12*d.*

To my daughter "Cate Dawney" one blacke quye stirke.

To my daughter An Dawney one blacke calfe.

To An Hirdson daughter of Franceys Hirdson, my son in law, one blacke calfe.

To Alis my wife, one great blacke quy.

To Symond Dawney, my son, my farmhold which I dwell upon, to hold to him and his lawful issue.

Remainder to my daughter An and her lawful issue.

Remainder to my daughter Cate and her assigns.

My wife Alis and son Symond to be executors.

Supervisor John Dawney my brother, to whom 2s. for his trouble.

Witnesses : Richard Jonson, Robert Burrow (?), William Higgonson, Thomas Sigeswick, William Heyton & Marmaduke Sklater.

The Inventory of the goods of Bryan Dawney was prised 24 Feb. 158. by Edmund Myers, William Heyton, . . . Sklater & Richard Godsalue. [*Not totalled.*]

Bond in 100 marks, dated 7 July 1582 by Alice Dawnye, relict of Brian Dawnie of Whittington, Lanc., Richard Jonnson and Henry Pakett yeomen.

(b) Will, dated 21 May 1598, of John Dayneye of Newton, par. of Whittington. "Seake and evell at ease"—to be buried "nigh unto my Dame"—to eldest son Thomas Dayneye lands &c. in Newton, except one acre of ground I bought of Rallin Whitehead of Newton, which I give to my son Bryan Dayneye. To my son Richard Dayneye one acre of ground in Tunstallholme which I bought of Thomas Burttone of Tunstall afore-said; provided that my eldest son Thomas Dayneye shall pay, out of the lands left him, to Richard Dayneye 20 marks when 24, and to Bryan Dayneye £20 when 18, and to my daughter Gennitte Dayneye £20 when 18.

It is my will that An my wife shall occupy the moiety of my lands in Newton for her life.

To my four children Thomas D., Richard D., Bryan D. and Gennitte D. my part of the teithe corn in Newton.

To Thomas Dayneye, my son, husbandry gear, one Reed quye and the greatest arke I have.

To Richard Dayneye, my son, an arke.

Ane, my wife, is to bring up with meat, drink and clothes, John Dayneye, son of Thomas Dayneye, till he is 14.

To the said John Dayneye a "gimbre" lamb to goe forward with him at ye house.

To my parish church 2s.

To Thomas Dayneye, my son, his filial part of all my goods and I make Richard D., Bryan D. and Gennitte D. my children executors and Henry Pacchette and Symond Dayneye supervisors.

Witnesses : Thomas Blande, Henry Pacchette, Symonde Dayney, Richard Godsolve, Marmaduke Sklater.

Bond by Richard Dawnie, Thomas Dawnie and Simon Dawnie in £200, dated 17 June 1598, that Richard Dawnie the executor of the will of John Dawnie, his father, do truly &c.

Witnesses : William Brabin, Gilbert Dickonson.

The Inventory of the goods of John Dayneye of Newton, was priced on 8 June 1598 by William Heyton, Thomas Heyton, Thomas Blande and Franc' hireson [Hirdson].
£100 7s. 8d.

Archdeaconry of Richmond—Lonsdale Deanery

II. *Abstract of the will of Thomas Bouch, Rector of Whittington Church, co. Lancs., clerk, dated 6 June 1716*

I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Dawson 20s. To my daughter Jane Hutton 20s. Residuary legatee and executrix : my wife, Vigesima. (*Signed*) THOMAS BOUCH.

Witnesses :—John Briggs, Henry Eckridge, Jane Adcock (mark).

Seal

Four pellets on a cross.

Inventory taken, on 1 September 1716, by Henry Chatburne, Tho. Peck, Edw^d Beethome and Richard Bally—
£213 4s. 0d.

Bond entered into, on 13 September 1716, by Vigesima Bouch of Whittington, co. Lancaster, widow, and John Briggs of Kirkby Lonsdale, co. Westmorland, clerk, in £500, that the said Vigesima Bouch shall execute the will above-named. (*Signed*) VIG. BOUCH, JOHN BRIGGS.

*Richmond Archdeaconry—Furness Deanery*12. *Will of Richard Hutton of Thorpingsty, Cartmell, Lancs., gent., dated 9 May 1722*

I bequeath to my brother William Hutton and to my sister Mary Sleddall £50 each, and to my brother John Hutton £100, they to pay interest thereon to my son William Hutton during the life of my mother, Elizabeth Hutton, for her use.

To my uncle Sparling and his son and his wife and child 10s. each. To my uncle Rev. M^r Leonard Jackson and to Rev. M^r John Briggs, clerk, and his wife my aunt Briggs and to my mother Vigissima Bouch 10s. each.

I bequeath my messuages called Thorpingsty and Tarn Green and my water-cornmill, all in Cartmell, to my son William Hutton (my wife to have her jointure out of the same) and his heirs for ever; in default of his issue to my brother William Hutton.

All my title to closes called Banks in Whittington now in the tenure of my uncle M^r Briggs or my mother Bouch to my wife Jane, she to have the guardianship of my son during his minority. To son William £761 due to me for timber and wood and all other my securities. Executrix: my wife. Overseers: M^r George Walker, clerk, my cousin John Pearson of Low-wood and John Gibson of the Heights. To my cousin John Archer Esq^r and William Bracken a guinea each. I desire my brother William and my brother-in-law Roger Sleddall to take care of my brother John Hutton's personal estate during his minority. Legacies to the poor of Cartmell Fell and Allithwaite. (*Signed*) RICH^d HUTTON.

Witnesses: Thomas Bainbridge (mark), John Penny (mark), John Coward.

Note dated 8 May 1722. Small legacies to Tho^s Fell, Sarah his wife, Christopher and Margaret Fell, Mary Gibson, Thomas Bainbridge and his wife, Isaac Penny and Ann Adcock.

Codicil dated 15 June 1722: To my mother Elizabeth Hutton 10s. 6d.

Inventory taken, 2 August 1722, by John Pearson, Robert Halhead and John Gibson £986 8s. 10d.

Bond entered into, on 6 September 1722, by Jane Hutton of Thorpinsty, Cartmell, widow, and William Hutton of Kirkby Kendale, gent., in £1,000 that the said Jane do educate and bring up William Hutton the child of her late husband Mr Richard Hutton deceased, until his lawful age. (*Signed*) JANE HUTTON, WILLIAM HUTTON.

Another bond of same date by the same parties that Jane Hutton will execute the will.

13. *P.C.C. Collins*, 364

Abstract of the Will of William Long (formerly called William Hutton) of Buckingham town, clerk, dated 23 May 1778

If I die before my wife and within 30 miles of Cartmell, Lancs., then I desire to be buried in that parish church close to my late mother, with the inscription "Here also lieth William Long, late William Hutton, son of the said Richard and Mary [*sic*] Hutton aged — years, who was born at Thorphinsty in this parish and was — years Rector of Maids Moreton, near Buckingham, co. Bucks "; if I survive my wife then to be buried near her.

To my wife Mary I give my chaise, horses, furniture &c. and to her and my friends Rev. Mr Robert Pargeter of Buckingham, Rev. Mr Henry Quartley of Wicken, co. Northants, the Rev. Mr John Wilson of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, and Mr John Bigland of Hartbarrow, Cartmell, all my woods, messuages, farms, lands &c. at Kennington, co. Berks, Clifton, co. Oxford and Whittington, co. Lancs. and the Docker Hall estate, Lancs., in Trust to sell the same and out of the proceeds

to pay my daughters Mary Long Dawson, Elizabeth and Jane Hutton £3500 each, at their ages of 21 and the residue to my two sons Francis Turner Richard Hutton and James Long Hutton.

To my said sons all my real estate in Counties Lancs., Oxford, Berks., Bucks. and Middlesex London ; my son Francis Turner Richard Hutton to have first offer of my living of Maids Moreton.

To my uncle M^r John Hutton 10 guineas. To M^{rs} Hutton of Kendall 10 guineas. To M^{rs} Elizabeth Sleddall, widow, 10 guineas ; to her five children 2 guineas each. To William and Richard Sleddall who are brothers 10 guineas each. To M^{rs} Robinson of Chatburn near Clitheroe 10 guineas and to her four children 2 guineas each. To William and Richard Dawson 5 guineas each ; to M^{rs} Dixon of Settle and her daughter Susan 2 guineas each.

Legacies to the poor of Cartmell Fell and Alithwaite, in the latter of which " my estate called Yarngreen lies," to those of Maids Moreton, Clifton, Kennington, to Maids Moreton School, to servants and to the poor of Kirkby Lonsdale. Residuary legatees my two sons.

Executors : my said Trustees. (*Signed*) W. LONG.

Witnesses : Nat^l Nicholls, Queen Street, Cheapside.

Chas. Stuart, Thos. Trower Virgoe, clerks to
M^r Nicholls.

Proved 26 July 1780, by Mary Long, widow, relict of deceased and John Bigland two of the surviving executors, power reserved to the Rev^d Henry Quartly & Rev. John Wilson, clerks.

14 January 1794, Admon. granted to Rev. James Hutton, clerk, son and one of the residuary legatees of deceased of the goods of deceased left unadministered by the said Mary Long and John Bigland now deceased.

14. P.C.C. 1847, fo. 51

Abstract of the Will of James Long Long (formerly James Long Hutton) of Buckingham, co. Bucks, Rector of Maids Moreton, co. Bucks, clerk. Dated 30 April 1844

I appoint my three daughters Henrietta Hutton, spinster, Mary Andrews, wife of Rev. William Andrews, clerk, Jane Lucy, wife of Rev. Eusebius Andrews Uthwatt, clerk, James Rowell of Buckingham, gent., and Rev. William Fletcher of Maidsmorton, vicar of Harwell, co. Berks., executors. Legacies to executors, poor of Finmore, co. Oxford, and funeral expenses.

To my wife Jane £200. To my daughter Henrietta my cornelian seals with the Hutton arms and crest engraved thereon, my library and household goods. To my said daughter Mary my gold watch with the Long arms and crest thereon. To my daughter Jane Lucy, a coloured print of the late king George III, and £100. To my curate Rev. Eusebius Andrews Uthwatt £25. To my sister Jane Priestly £10 10s. 0d. To my brother-in-law Thomas Gilbert esq^r £10 10s. 0d. To my nieces, Mary Long Dawson, Jane Constantine Dawson and Elizabeth Hutton Dawson £10 10s. 0d. each. To my nephew R^t Rev. Ashurst Turner Gilbert, Bishop of Chichester, £10 10s., to his wife, Mary Ann, £10 10s. 0d. To my goddaughter Fanny Gilbert £21. To my nieces Jane Hutton Gilbert and Elizabeth Hutton Gilbert £10 10s. 0d. each; to my niece Amelia Gilbert £10 10s. 0d.; to my godson William Henry Long Gilbert £10 10s. 0d.; to my niece Constantine Gilbert £10 10s. 0d.; to my friend Rev. John Bishop £10 10s. 0d. To my agent James Rowell £74 12s. 0d. and £200 more as my executor. To Elizabeth (formerly North) wife of Richard Line of Buckingham £19 19s. 7d. for her care of my children when very young and to her husband, many years in my service £10 10s. 0d.

I give my cottages, gardens &c. in Maidsmorton to my daughter Mary Andrews and her husband and their children.

My houses &c. in the Prebend End of Buckingham to my

daughter Jane Lucy Uthwatt and her children. All other my property to my daughter Henrietta Hutton, James Rowell and William Fletcher to be divided among my three daughters.

(Signed) JAMES L. LONG. (L. S.)

Witnesses: John King, attorney, Buckingham, George Sirett, druggist, &c., Buckingham.

Codicil dated 5 January 1846: I bequeath to Abraham Hobbs of Croughton, co. Northants, labourer, and Mary his wife, father and mother of my beloved wife Jane (before our marriage Jane Hobbs spinster) 10s. a week for their lives. Signed as above.

Witnesses: George Sirett aforesaid, William Bamkin, hosier, Buckingham.

Proved: 29 January 1847, by Henrietta Hutton, spinster, Rev. William Fletcher, clerk, and James Rowell, power reserved to the other executors.

15. *P.C.C.* 1886-995.

Memorized notes of Will of Mary Uthwatt of Maidsmorton, Bucks, widow, dated 6 March 1883

Only child: my daughter Mary Henrietta Turner Hutton Andrewes Andrewes.

Nephew: Thomas Andrewes Uthwatt now in Ballarat, Australia.

Brother-in-law: Eusebius Andrewes Uthwatt.

Executors: Venerable Frederick Bathurst of Holwell, Beds., clerk, archdeacon of Bedford, George Bennett of Buckingham, co. Bucks, land agent, and Rev. Frederick Grave Kiddle of Buckingham, clerk.

Three Codicils, the last dated 9 March 1885.

Proved 26 November 1886 by the executors.

She died on 26 September 1885 at Maidsmorton.

Estate sworn at £52,858.

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THE Council have the honour to present their Report for the year ended 28th February, 1937, as follows :—

Since the last Annual Meeting on the 31st August, 1936, two volumes (Vols. 96 and 97) have been issued to subscribers for the year 1936-7. There was an unfortunate delay in the publication of these volumes which were held up by illness on the staff of the Manchester University Press and not delivered to subscribers until after the expiration of the financial year. Two other volumes are now in the Press, one of which will be issued next month and the second by the end of the year. The output of two yearly volumes thus continues.

Volume 96, issued in April last, was Mr. J. S. Roskell's "Knights of the Shire for the County Palatine of Lancaster, 1377-1460". This is a study of the personnel of Lancashire Members of Parliament during a period of development and change. The greater part of the volume is devoted to biographies and the book ends with Indentures of Election, which indicate the personages of importance in the County at the time.

Volume 97, Mr. E. Axon's "Life of John Angier", was issued last June. The volume is prefaced by accounts of the Rev. John Angier of Denton, his nephew, Samuel Angier and his son-in-law, the well-known Oliver Heywood, of Northowram; after which comes Oliver Heywood's narrative of the "Holy Life and Happy Death of John Angier of Denton". This is followed by extracts from the Diaries of John and Samuel Angier. Mr. Axon's numerous notes add very considerably to the value of an interesting volume.

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The death of Major Richard Trappes-Lomax has deprived our Council of one of its most valued members. He was keenly interested in Lancashire History and an indefatigable and accurate worker. He had written for the Society a History of Clayton-le-Moors and edited the Diary and Letter Book of the Rev. T. Brockbank. It is some testimony to the value of these works that they are both now out of print.

We still sadly need more members if the work of the Society is to be effectively carried on. Since the beginning of the New Year we have already lost three members by death, and one has resigned. If we are to continue to issue two volumes yearly it is essential that the numbers should be increased and new members secured.

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 Lancashire County Council, Department of Education, 1 Fishergate Hill, Preston.
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